

Digital Daily Office

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Aims

It seems that recent years have seen a surge in interest, among the laity of the Episcopal Church and other Anglican groups, in the recitation of the Daily Office. This is a good thing, since, after all, one of the original intents of Cranmer's streamlining of the Divine Office was for laity to participate along with clergy. This was accomplished through greatly simplified rubrics and through the reduction of the seven (or eight) monastic offices into just two: Morning Prayer, also called "Mattins," and Evening Prayer, nicknamed "Evensong." In the centuries since, and particularly in the 1979 prayer book revision, some additional complexity has been re-introduced. This has included an alternate cycle of psalms based on the liturgical week, rather than on the day of the month; lessons which are shortened, often not contiguous with the previous lesson, and almost never constituting a

complete chapter of the Bible; the reintroduction of the minor offices of Noonday Prayer (once called Sext) and Compline (late evening prayer); the option of reciting the major offices in traditional (Rite I) or contemporary (Rite II) language, and many other such things. Please do note that I am not complaining about these things, but rather noting that reciting the Office takes just a little more effort than it did in the sixteenth century. Noonday Prayer and Compline, to name an example, are lovely.

Many resources, thankfully, already exist to assist the clergy and people in praying the Office. Sets such as the *Daily Office Book* provide the readings for each of the two liturgical years in the Daily Office Lectionary, as well as providing a complete set of texts (Psalms, collects, etc.) for praying the Office. This approach is not without downsides. For one, the inclusion of other texts, such as Authorized Intercessions, necessitates the use of a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in addition to the *Daily Office Book*. Additionally, to read the “off-year” Old Testament lesson as the first reading at Evening Prayer requires both books in the *Daily Office Book* set. It is also true that with any printed book one loses the ability to pray the Office “just anywhere.” The need to have the Office in an easy-to-use and portable format in-

spired the creation of online Daily Office sites and downloadable apps. Two sites that have been particularly inspiring for me have been:

`bookofcommonprayer.net`

and

`stbedeproductions.com`.

Although both have much to commend them, including in the case of St. Bede's a tremendous number of possible customizations, there are a few areas where I saw space for improvement, or at least space for making exactly the sort of thing that I would want to use. I decided that the following things should be true for my rendition of a Daily Office "app:"

- The document should be downloadable so that it may be used on any device, with or without internet access. I came up with this aim while in subway tunnels and on a series of camping trips.
 - The document should be small enough to be e-mailed; around 10 MB should be fine.
 - The document should be usable both when one prays the Office alone, and when one uses it during corporate worship. A system in which one needs to specify correctly all the settings
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in advance does not necessarily facilitate the latter use.

- The document should be inherently cross-platform, in order to avoid the need to maintain separate code for Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, etc.
- The document should be free of charge and available to all.
- When one does desire to print out a portion of the document, for example to provide the Psalms and Lessons to attendees, the resulting document should look “good,” at least in some sense.

With all that in mind, I settled on PDF for the format of the finished document. The two languages used to write the input file are Python and L^AT_EX. L^AT_EX lends itself nicely to making good-looking PDF’s, and the simplicity and human-readability of Python will hopefully result in easily-maintainable code.

It is my hope that use of this document by individuals and parishes will remove barriers to the regular recitation of the Office and be of spiritual benefit to all who use it. A project like this is always a work in progress, and I appreciate greatly any feedback, from typos to larger-scale usability issues. The Church of Our Saviour

in Atlanta, the home of this project, will be working with you to make this document better and better over time. Please send feedback to

`syreni.verus@gmail.com`

God bless you!

Rob Clark

Senior Warden

The Church of Our Saviour

Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2021

How to use this document

The document is designed to be as intuitive as possible. From the main table of contents, you can begin by selecting the office you want to pray from the left column. All text in red is a hyperlink to another part of the document. Depending on your pdf reader, links may also be indicated in some other way, such as being highlighted or having a thin box drawn around them. For the most part, the links are to parts of each Office that are (according to the rubrics) optional; that, or they are links to the propers, the parts of the Office that vary from day to day. These latter elements include the Psalms, Lessons, and Collects of the Day. When you jump to another part of the document, you will find in the corners of the page the links to jump back to the page that you came from. For example, MPI will send you to the most recent page you were on in the Morning Prayer, Rite I office. Even though the links in the four corners never change, their destinations do: if you have just prayed the Collect of the Day, MPI will take you back to the page where all the collects are listed. This same process also applies to the Prayers and Thanksgivings, of which you may select as many as you like before jumping back to your Office.

Important note: The button “Main” will always be top-center on every single page.

If you ever get lost, that button is there for you. Tap or click to go back to the main contents, from whence you can try again.

One potential source of slow-down, and perhaps confusion, is navigating to the propers (psalms, lessons, collects) for a given day. Since this is a PDF document, it doesn't have a "memory" of where you've been, nor does it know what day it is. You will need to select first the month, and then the day from two menu screens. Finally, you can select the part of the daily propers that you need at the moment. (Note: the Propers menu is at the bottom-center of the screen when you are reading a Major Office). In order to avoid navigating this hierarchical menu system every single time, the suggested Canticles to be read after each Office are printed in-line, for your convenience. This way, when you jump to the Daily Propers, you can get through the Psalter and the Lessons before returning to your Office for the Apostles' Creed. When there are Rite I and Rite II options of the Canticles available, I have printed the Rite I version inline. A link to the Rite II version and to a list of all Canticles follow the inline-printed one. You always have an option of praying a Canticle other than the BCP-suggested one. However, if your browser or PDF viewer doesn't have a "back" button, you might have to navigate the menus again to get back to the Propers. Back but-

tons are very convenient; so far, I have been able to find this functionality in all web browsers, in the Mac OS Preview application, and in the Xodo PDF reader for Android.

In addition to the Offices in the left column of the main menu, there are several other resources available in the right column. The 1979 BCP offers “Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families.” I understand that these are popular in households with children. You can access those from the main menu. The Psalter accessed from the main menu takes you to a table of contents, with Psalms grouped according to their traditional 30-day-cycle placement. This menu is good for finding a particular Psalm quickly. If you reach that menu and move forward one page, you will see Psalms for the morning, according to the 30 day cycle. The following page has Psalms for the evening, according to the same cycle. These pages are also linked to from each major Office, with the link entitled “Psalms from monthly cycle.” The Great Litany is offered as an additional devotion, and is linked to from the major Offices, following the collects, in case you feel like praying *a lot*. “The Lessons and Collects” takes you to the same “select the month” menu that you get to when you jump to the propers from a major Office. The inclusion of “Prayers and Thanksgiv-

ings” allows you to access the very rich selection that the BCP offers. These may be prayed on their own, or as part of an Office. Finally, in keeping with the Anglo-Catholic heritage and ethos of The Church of Our Saviour, Marian devotions are included as an option. The first page of that section contains instructions for praying them. Some folks use them before praying an Office, some after, and some detached altogether from the recitation of the Office. Use them how you want, if you want.

All this ink (or bits, rather) spilled here may be in vain; the best way to learn how to use this document is to jump in and get to prayin.’ Here, mercifully, there is no safety concern associated with being a maverick who never reads the manual.

Additional notes

- *Currently*, the only Bible translation used is the KJV since it is very much in the public domain. We are working to line up the proper permissions for translations (e.g. RSV) that are still under copyright. The chapter and verses are listed prior to each Lesson, so that one may look up the passage using another resource in whatever translation one desires. My attitude toward this is that it's fine for now. KJV is perfectly good for personal study, and if you are attending an office, the lessons will be read aloud anyway. It's more important that you have the Psalms, since they are often read responsively.
 - Likewise, one of the cool things that St. Bede's offers that this product doesn't (yet) is the option to use the Coverdale Psalter. Since that is public domain, it's easy to do, if slightly time consuming. It's just not done yet.
 - For printing, I suggest laying out two (in landscape mode) or four (in portrait mode) pages per sheet of paper. This will conserve paper while avoiding excessively-gigantic text. The document, after all, is formatted with a cell phone or tablet in mind.
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Copyright and sources

Most of the text is taken from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, which is in the public domain. As mentioned previously, the KJV is also public domain. This introduction, and the source code for building the document, are Copyright 2021 by Robert James Clark, but I do not intend to release the code right away (oh, it needs cleaning up), and I don't care if anybody copies this introductory section, not that you would, as long as you don't make changes to it. Finally, the provenance of the Marian anthems is somewhat nebulous; these are the texts that I have used at two Anglo-Catholic parishes. They are based, in large part, on the Anglican Service Book and on the forms of these prayers found at St. Bede's Breviary. It is doubtful that any of them are under copyright. Please don't sue me.

Dedication

This work is dedicated to the Glory of God, of course, and also in thanksgiving for my family, including especially Priscilla Clark; James and Joanne Clark; Derek, Sarabeth, and Olivia Clark; Rich Rouse; and Mary Leidel. I also remember fondly, with thanksgiving, those dear family who walked before me in faith and are now at rest: Robert and Joan Dayton, Russell and Gertrude Clark,

and Paul Leidel.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite One

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more **sentences of Scripture**, or with the versicle “O Lord, open thou our lips.”*

*The **Confession of Sin** may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with “O Lord, open thou our lips.”*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, Alleluia may be added.

*Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, **Venite** or **Jubilate**. The entirety of **Psalm 95** may be read in place of the **Venite**.*

*An **Antiphon** may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm. In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the **Pascha Nostrum** is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.*

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalms from BCP office lectionary

Psalms from BCP monthly cycle

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The following version of the gloria may also be used

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from ____ .

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here endeth the Lesson (Reading).

Lessons are found in the daily propers

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A **Canticle** is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Rite II version of the Creed may be
used instead.*

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

A

∿ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

℞ And grant us thy salvation.

∿ Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

℞ And make thy chosen people joyful.

∿ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

℞ For only in thee can we live in safety.

∿ Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
℞ And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

∿ Let thy way be known upon earth;
℞ Thy saving health among all nations.
∿ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℞ Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
∿ Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℞ And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

B

∿ O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
℞ Govern them and lift them up for ever.
∿ Day by day we magnify thee;
℞ And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
∿ Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
℞ O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
∿ O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
℞ As our trust is in thee.
∿ O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
℞ Let me never be confounded.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

- A Collect for Sundays
- A Collect for Renewal of Life
- A Collect for Peace
- A Collect for Grace
- A Collect for Guidance
- A Collect for Fridays
- A Collect for Saturdays

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, a **prayer for mission** is added*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

*Authorized **intercessions and thanksgivings** may follow. Some commonly-used ones are:*

- Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions
- Prayer for the Clergy and People
- Prayer for those in Civil Authority
- The Great Litany

Before the close of the Office the **General Thanksgiving** and/or the **Prayer of St. Chrysostom** may be used.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.
2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Daily Evening Prayer: Rite One

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more **sentences of Scripture**, or of **these**; or with the Service of Light found on pages 109-112 of the BCP, and continuing with the appointed Psalmody; or with the versicle "O God, make speed to save us."*

*The **Confession of Sin** may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O God make speed to save us."*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, Alleluia may be added.

The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in
heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised
by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalms from BCP office lectionary

Psalms from BCP monthly cycle

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from ____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here endeth the Lesson (Reading).

Lessons are found in the daily propers

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A **canticle** is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.*

*Historically, the canticles used for Evening Prayer were the **Magnificat** and the **Nunc dimittis**.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

A

∩ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

℞ And grant us thy salvation.

∩ Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

℞ And make thy chosen people joyful.

∩ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

℞ For only in thee can we live in safety.

℣ Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
℞ And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

℣ Let thy way be known upon earth;
℞ Thy saving health among all nations.

℣ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℞ Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

℣ Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℞ And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of [____ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all

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our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

Propers

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

A Collect for Peace

A Collect for Aid Against Perils

A Collect for Protection

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

A Collect for Fridays

A Collect for Saturdays

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, a **prayer for mission** is added*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

*Authorized **intercessions and thanksgivings** may follow. Some commonly-used ones are:*

Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions

Prayer for the Clergy and People

Prayer for those in Civil Authority

The Great Litany

Before the close of the Office the **General Thanksgiving** and/or the **Prayer of St. Chrysostom** may be used.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.
2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more **sentences of Scripture**, or with the versicle "Lord, open our lips."*

*The **Confession of Sin** may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "Lord, open our lips."*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

*Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, **Venite** or **Jubilate**.*

*An **Antiphon** may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm.*

*In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the **Pascha Nostrum** is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.*

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The Lessons

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After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

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*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A **Canticle** is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Fa-
ther.

He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
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Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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℞ And grant us your salvation.
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℞ Let your people sing with joy.
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℞ For only in you can we live in safety.
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∿ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℞ Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
∿ Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℞ And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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∿ Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
℞ Govern and uphold them, now and always.
∿ Day by day we bless you;

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℞ We praise your name for ever.
℣ Lord, keep us from all sin today;
℞ Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
℣ Lord, show us your love and mercy;
℞ For we put our trust in you.
℣ In you, Lord, is our hope;
℞ And we shall never hope in vain.

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An Order of Service for Noon-day

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

A suitable hymn may be sung.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung or said. Other suitable selections include Psalms 19,67, one or more sections of Psalm 119, or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133.

Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
* but I have not strayed from your com-
mandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for
ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your
statutes * for ever and to the end.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where
is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the
maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall
asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

People Thanks be to God.

or the following

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

People Thanks be to God.

or this

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

or this

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects. If desired, the Collect of the Day may be used.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that

all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Free intercessions may be offered.

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more **sentences of Scripture**, or of **these**; or with the Service of Light on pages 109-112 of the BCP, and continuing with the appointed Psalmody; or with the versicle "O God, make speed to save us."*

*The **Confession of Sin** may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O God make speed to save us."*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in
heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised
by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalms from BCP office lectionary

Psalms from BCP monthly cycle

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from ____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

Lessons are found in the daily propers

Silence may be kept after each Reading.

*A **Canticle** is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.*

*Historically, the canticles used at Evening Prayer were the **Magnificat** and the **Nunc dimittis**.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our
Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Fa-
ther.

He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

A

∿ Show us your mercy, O Lord;
℞ And grant us your salvation.
∿ Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
℞ Let your people sing with joy.
∿ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℞ For only in you can we live in safety.
∿ Lord, keep this nation under your care;
℞ And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
∿ Let your way be known upon earth;
℞ Your saving health among all nations.
∿ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℞ Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
∿ Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℞ And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths

of peace and
goodwill, *We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for
our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church
and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith
and fear, and not be condemned before the
great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your
Holy Spirit in the communion of [____ and]
all your saints, entrusting one another and
all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

A Collect for Peace

A Collect for Aid against Perils

A Collect for Protection

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

A Collect for Fridays

A Collect for Saturdays

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, a **prayer for mission** is added*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

*Authorized **intercessions and thanksgivings** may follow. Some commonly-used ones are:*

Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions

Prayer for the Clergy and People

Prayer for those in Civil Authority

The Great Litany

Before the close of the Office the **General Thanksgiving** and/or the **Prayer of St. Chrysostom** may be used.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night
and a perfect end. Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the
Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

The Officiant may then say

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus
Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgive-
ness of all our sins, and the grace and com-
fort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Officiant then says

O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
* for only you, LORD, make me dwell in
safety.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let
me never be put to shame: * deliver me in
your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to
deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me
safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
* for the sake of your Name, lead me and
guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have
secretly set for me, * for you are my tower
of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O
God of truth.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most
High * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my
refuge and my stronghold, * my God in
whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of
the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and

you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes only have to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, * you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9,22*

People Thanks be to God.

or this

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew*

11:28-30

People Thanks be to God.

or the following

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

People Thanks be to God.

or this

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

People Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

Then follows

∿ Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

℞ For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

∿ Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

℞ Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

or this

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing

your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

or this

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, you now have set your servant free
* to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav-
ior, * whom you have prepared for all the
world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, * and the
glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us
sleeping; that awake we may watch with
Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People*
Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
Amen.

Opening Sentences - Morning Prayer I

Advent

Watch ye , for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. *Mark 13:35, 36*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Epiphany

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isa-*

iah 60:3

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of

the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me. *Lamentations 1:12*

Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen. *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done. *Psalms 105:1*

At any Time

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. *Psalms 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus saith the high and lofty One who inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." *Isaiah 57:15*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

Antiphons - Rite I

In Advent

Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O come, let us adore him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: O come, let us adore him.

On other Sundays and weekdays

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: O come, let us adore him.

or this

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: O come, let us adore him.

or this

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: O come, let us adore him.

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[Alleluia.]

On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

[Alleluia.] The Lord is glorious in his saints: O come, let us adore him. [Alleluia.]

Antiphons - Rite II

In Advent

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

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Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: Come let us adore him.

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Venite

Psalm 95:1-7,96:9,13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, * and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it, * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God, * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, * and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; * we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; * be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Psalm 95: Traditional

Venite, exultemus

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, * and the strength of the hills are his also. The sea is his and he made it, * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down * and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the lord our God, * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness; When your fathers tempted me, * proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways. Unto whom I swear in my wrath, * that they should not enter into my rest.

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; * death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; * but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, * but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, * and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, * by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, * even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Canticles

Canticles 1-7 (Rite I language)

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Rite I Canticles

1. A song of creation
2. A song of praise
3. The song of Mary
4. The song of Zechariah
5. The song of Simeon
6. Glory be to God
7. We praise thee

1 A Song of Creation

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

This Canticle may be shortened by omitting section II or III

I Invocation

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *

praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *

praise him and magnify him for ever.

II The Cosmic Order

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;

O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *

praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *

praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;

O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord;

*

praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the
Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

III The Earth and its Creatures

O let the earth bless the Lord; *
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless
ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the wa-
ters, bless ye the Lord;
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord;
*
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *

praise him and magnify him for ever.

IV The People of God

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the
Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless
ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless
ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

2 A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three
Young Men, 29-34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fa-
thers; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty;
*

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holi-
ness; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of
thy kingdom; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven;
*

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

3 The Song of Mary

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Sav-
ior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
*

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagi-
nation of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their
seat, *

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,
*

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel, *

as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

4 The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,
*
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him,
*
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his

people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath
visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

5 The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace, *

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *

which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

6 Glory be to God

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Fa-
ther Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-
ther,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Fa-
ther. Amen.

7 We Praise Thee

Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

Rite II Canticles

8. The Song of Moses
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21. You are God

8 The Song of Moses

Cantemus Domino Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13,
17-18

Especially suitable for use in Easter Season

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and
uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into
the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has
he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have
been

drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;
*

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in
might; *

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown
the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord,
among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of won-
ders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

9 The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with re-
joicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his
Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
*
see that they remember that his Name is
exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has
done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out
your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the
Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be for ever. Amen.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah

Quaerite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
*

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will
have compassion, *

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *

nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
*

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
*

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my
mouth; *

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have
purposed, *

and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

11 The Third Song of Isaiah

Surge, illuminare Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c,
18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon
you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawn-
ing.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,
*

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your
land, *

ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day;
*

by night you will not need the brightness
of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-

ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

12 A Song of Creation

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

One or more sections of this Canticle may be used. Whatever the selection, it begins with the Invocation and concludes with the Doxology.

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the
Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *

O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *

all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the
Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the
Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas,
and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the
Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of
the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the
righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glo-
rify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the
Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

13 A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy
Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for
ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your tem-
ple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cheru-
bim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for
ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for
ever.

14 A Song of Penitence

Kyrie Pantokrator Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,
*

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sinners,
*

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who
repent, *
and in me you will show forth your good-
ness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all
the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,
*
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

15 The Song of Mary

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly
servant.

From this day all generations will call me
blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their
thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
*

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Is-
rael, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

16 The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them
free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of
old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father
Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our ene-
mies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare
his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon
us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

17 The Song of Simeon*Nunc Dimittis* Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free
*

to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Sav-
ior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world
to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

18 A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have
their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
*
for with your blood you have redeemed for
God,
From every family, language, people, and
nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
*
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-
dor, *
for ever and for evermore.

19 The Song of the Redeemed

Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and
truth, *

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down
before you, *

because your just and holy works have been
revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

20 Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-
ther:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

21 You are God

Te Deum laudamus

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless
praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise
you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise
you.
Throughout the world the holy Church ac-
claims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all wor-
ship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world didst rest from all thy works and sanctify a day of rest for all thy creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of thy sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Mission - Morning Prayer I

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

or the following

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. Amen.

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A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Opening Sentences - Morning Prayer II

Advent

Watch , for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Epiphany

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord hath afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into

heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalms 105:1*

At any Time

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalms 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

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3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

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5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are way-

ward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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Opening Sentences - Evening Prayer I

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalms 141:2*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalms 96:9*

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalms 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalms 16:7,8*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

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A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Fridays

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Collect for Protection

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. Amen.

Prayers for Mission - Evening Prayer I

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or the following

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

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O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Daily devotions for individuals and families

In the morning

At noon

In the early evening

At the close of day

In the Morning

From Psalm 51

Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
*
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be for ever. Amen.

A Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have
been born anew to a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed may be said.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At noon

From Psalm 113

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down
*

let the Name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

A Reading

O God, you will keep in perfect peace those
whose minds are fixed on you; for in re-
turning and rest we shall be saved; in quiet-
ness and trust shall be our strength. *Isaiah*
26:3; 30:15

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and
others.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon
the cross, stretching out your loving arms:
Grant that all the peoples of the earth may
look to you and be saved; for your mer-
cies' sake. Amen.

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

In the early evening

This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.

The Order of Worship for the Evening, page 109, may be used instead.

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in
heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised
by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

A Reading

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we
proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and our-
selves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For
the same God who said, "Out of darkness
let light shine," has caused his light to shine
within us, to give the light of revelation—
the revelation of the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

At the close of day

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

A Reading

Lord, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9,22*

The following may be said

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see;
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

The Psalter

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Morning psalms

Select the day of the month.

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Evening psalms

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The Psalter

First Day: Morning Prayer

I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up

in revolt, and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let
us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laugh-
ing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my
holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD:
* he said to me, “You are my Son; this day
have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the na-
tions for your inheritance * and the ends
of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned,
you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and
with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for
his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in
him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *
how many there are who rise up against
me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about
me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts
up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he
answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake
again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my
God; * surely, you will strike all my en-
emies across the face, you will break the
teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your
blessing be upon your people!

4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender
of my cause; * you set me free when I am
hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear
my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dis-
honor my glory; * how long will you wor-
ship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; *
you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the
bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you
abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of
your mercy I will go into your house; * I
will bow down toward your holy temple in
awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteous-
ness, because of those who lie in wait for
me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; *
there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they
flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them
fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions
cast them out, * for they have rebelled against
you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be
glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those
who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the right-
eous; * you will defend them with your
favor as with a shield.

First Day: Evening Prayer

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak;
* heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long,
O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save
me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; *
and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed and flood my
couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn
away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the
LORD has heard the sound of my weep-
ing.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication;
* the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded
and quake with fear; * they shall turn back
and suddenly be put to shame.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;
* save and deliver me from all who pursue
me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver
me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these
things: * if there is any wickedness in my
hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or
plundered him who without cause is my
enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake
me, * trample my life into the ground, and
lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise
up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let
the assembly of the peoples gather round
you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most
High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my
righteousness, O LORD, * and according
to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to
an end, but establish the righteous; * for

you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Second Day: Morning Prayer

9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged

before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD, * and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, * but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire; * the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; * their only thought is, "God does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your judgments are far above out of their sight; * they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; * under their tongue are mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares and in secret places they murder the innocent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert; they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *

they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Second Day: Evening Prayer

12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Third Day: Morning Prayer

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble

among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
* nor take the names of their gods upon
my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my
cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
* indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me
counsel; * my heart teaches me, night af-
ter night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me;
* because he is at my right hand I shall not
fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit
rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
* nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in
your presence there is fullness of joy, and
in your right hand are pleasures for ever-
more.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Third Day: Evening Prayer

18

Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down * with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; * he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, * burst hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; * the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them; * he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare, * at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me; * for they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD
* and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes,
* and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him *
and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure,
* but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale

any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they

cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Fourth Day: Morning Prayer

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-

dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD; * how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; * you have not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your victory; * splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and
devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall
not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and
aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; *
we will sing and praise your power.

Fourth Day: Evening Prayer

22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;
* in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the
poor in their poverty; neither does he hide
his face from them; * but when they cry to
him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assem-
bly; * I will perform my vows in the pres-
ence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and
those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
* "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remem-
ber and turn to the LORD, * and all the
families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; * all who go down
to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descen-
dants shall serve him; * they shall be known
as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn * the saving deeds that

he has done.

23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Fifth Day: Morning Prayer

24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King

of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” *
“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of
glory.”

25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my
God, I put my trust in you; * let me not
be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph
over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
* let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and
teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion
and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and
my transgressions; * remember me accord-
ing to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *

redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Fifth Day: Evening Prayer

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the
strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up
my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my
adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against
me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against
me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
* and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep
me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me
in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above
my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an
oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear

me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for

ever.

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King

for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Sixth Day: Morning Prayer

30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise

you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your

mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, “You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save

me.”

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

Sixth Day: Evening Prayer

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the

way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

33 Exultate, just

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; * it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, * by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin * and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; * he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver

them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,
* for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
* but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I
will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires
long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek
peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the
righteous, * and his ears are open to their
cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those
who do evil, * to root out the remembrance
of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears
them * and delivers them from all their
troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
* and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous,
* but the LORD will deliver him out of
them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not
one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those
who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his ser-
vants, * and none will be punished who
trust in him.

Seventh Day: Morning Prayer

35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, “I
am your salvation.”

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, “LORD, who

is like you? * You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me; * they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good; * my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me; * they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me with-

out a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me

aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Seventh Day: Evening Prayer

37

Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times,

* and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish,
* and the enemies of the LORD, like the
glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they
shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, *
but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall
possess the land, * but those who are cursed
by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD;
* he strengthens those in whose way he
delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall head-
long, * for the LORD holds them by the
hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old,
* but never have I seen the righteous for-
saken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in
their lending, * and their children shall be
a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell
in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does
not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but

the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Eighth Day: Morning Prayer

38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; * my neighbors stand afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth,
* for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am
worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like
a moth you eat away all that is dear to us;
* truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear
to my cry; * hold not your peace at my
tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a
wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be
glad again, * before I go my way and am
no more.

40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he
stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out
of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon
a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song
of praise to our God; * many shall see,
and stand in awe, and put their trust in the
LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
* they do not resort to evil spirits or turn
to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done,
O LORD my God! how great your won-
ders and your plans for us! * there is none
who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and
tell them! * but they are more than I can
count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no plea-
sure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have
not required, * and so I said, “Behold, I
come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written con-
cerning me: * ‘I love to do your will, O
my God; your law is deep in my heart.’ ”

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great
congregation; * behold, I did not restrain
my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden
in my heart; I have spoken of your faith-
fulness and your deliverance; * I have not
concealed your love and faithfulness from
the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold
your compassion from me; * let your love
and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; * do not tarry, O my God.

Eighth Day: Evening Prayer

41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up

his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, * so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; * when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, * while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; * how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, * among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Ninth Day: Morning Prayer

44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 “In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Ninth Day: Evening Prayer

47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised;
* in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round

about her; * count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

Tenth Day: Morning Prayer

50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,

* nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother's
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, * but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wicked-
ness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharp-
ened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying
more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you
deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you ut-
terly, * topple you, and snatch you from
your dwelling, and root you out of the land
of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God
for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the
house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God
for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Tenth Day: Evening Prayer

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, * those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; * in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest.”

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Eleventh Day: Morning Prayer

56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God

is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for
what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O
God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death
and my feet from stumbling, * that I may
walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,
for I have taken refuge in you; * in the
shadow of your wings will I take refuge
until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, *
the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me;
he will confound those who trample upon
me; * God will send forth his love and his
faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the
people; * their teeth are spears and arrows,
their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am
bowed low; * they have dug a pit before
me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God,
* and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Eleventh Day: Evening Prayer

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people forget;
* send them reeling by your might and put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, for the cursing and lies that they utter, * let them be caught in their pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; * make an end of them, and they shall be no more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; * they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, * a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; * for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy,
* for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my
prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth
with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon
the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong
tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I
will take refuge under the cover of your
wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; *
you have granted me the heritage of those
who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let
his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever;
* bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your
Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my
vows.

Twelfth Day: Morning Prayer

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits;
* from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly
shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush
me, all of you together, * as if you were a
leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from
my place of honor; * lies are their chief
delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their
hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits;
* truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God
is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people,
* pour out your hearts before him, for God
is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting
breath, * even those of low estate cannot

be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, "Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought

out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

Twelfth Day: Evening Prayer

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-

dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Thirteenth Day: Morning Prayer

68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, * you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even

from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulun and

Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Thirteenth Day: Evening Prayer

69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;

* the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and

my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; *
I will proclaim his greatness with thanks-
giving.

33 This will please the LORD more than
an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks
with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; *
you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, *
and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise
him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the
cities of Judah; * they shall live there and
have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit
it, * and those who love his Name will
dwell therein.

70 Deus, in adiutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O
LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; * let those who
take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and
gloat over me turn back, * because they
are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

Fourteenth Day: Morning Prayer

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set
me free; * incline your ear to me and save
me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me
safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of
the wicked, * from the clutches of the evil-
doer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, *
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since
I was born; from my mother's womb you
have been my strength; * my praise shall
be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but
you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise *
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * for-
sake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me,
* and those who lie in wait for my life take

counsel together.

11 They say, “God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save.”

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon

endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops; * may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; * may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Fourteenth Day: Evening Prayer

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, “How should God know? *
is there knowledge in the Most High?”

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always
at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, *
and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and
punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I
should have betrayed the generation of your
children.

16 When I tried to understand these things,
* it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God *
and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places;
* you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to de-
struction, * come to an end, and perish
from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord,
* when you arise you will make their im-
age vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I
was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding;
* I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, * and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, * God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; * I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the gates of the city of Zion.

74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;

* they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; * they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy them altogether.” * They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; * there is not one among us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; * let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; * remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, * the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

Fifteenth Day: Morning Prayer

75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous

shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to

him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; * my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder, and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night; * I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? * has his promise failed for evermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and
ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so
great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the
peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed
your people, * the children of Jacob and
Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters
saw you and trembled; * the very depths
were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies
thundered; * your arrows flashed to and
fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the
whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;
* the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths
in the great waters, * yet your footsteps
were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by
the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Fifteenth Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and

whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them;

* he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning * and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, * and repent, and diligently search for God.

35 They would remember that God was their rock, * and the Most High God their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths * and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him, * and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins and did not destroy them; * many times he held back his anger and did not permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does not return.

Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God *
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in
the day when he ransomed them from the
enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt *
and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so
that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them,
which ate them up, * and frogs, which de-
stroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, *
the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and
their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones *
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing
anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a
troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did
not spare their souls from death; * but de-
livered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt,
* the flower of manhood in the dwellings
of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, * his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the
skillfulness of his hands.

Sixteenth Day: Morning Prayer

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will

you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow * and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, * so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; * preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at

the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * and son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place

of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Sixteenth Day: Evening Prayer

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all
the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, * and
all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
* and fall like any prince.’ ”

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for
you shall take all nations for your own.

83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep
still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and
those who hate you have lifted up their

heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, “Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more.”

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves * the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD, * that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; * let them be put to confusion and perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in
Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look
upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a
thousand in my own room, * and to stand
at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O
LORD, * you have restored the good for-
tune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your
people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and
turned yourself from your wrathful indig-
nation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let
your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever?
* will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Seventeenth Day: Morning Prayer

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, * and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; * they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be abhorred by them;
* I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble;
* LORD, I have called upon you daily;
I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? *
will those who have died stand up and give
you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared
in the grave? * your faithfulness in the
land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark?
* or your righteousness in the country where
all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for
help; * in the morning my prayer comes
before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? *
why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched
and at the point of death; * I have borne
your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me;
* your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a
flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have
put away from me, * and darkness is my
only companion.

Seventeenth Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown

upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven."

30 "If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * 'I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.' "

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor *
and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth
* and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD?
will you hide yourself for ever? * how
long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, *
how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who
can save himself from the power of the
grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses
of old, * which you promised David in your
faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is
mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the
taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled,
O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels
of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! *
Amen, I say, Amen.

Eighteenth Day: Morning Prayer

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

91 Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! * your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, * that though the wicked grow like weeds, and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for

evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall perish, * and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, * and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; * they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Eighteenth Day: Evening Prayer

93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, *

how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evil-doers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of
silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your
consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part
with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon
them and destroy them in their own mal-
ice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

Nineteenth Day: Morning Prayer

95 Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his

courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; * let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, * righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; * he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

Nineteenth Day: Evening Prayer

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness and come
before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his; we
are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go
into his courts with praise; * give thanks
to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is ev-
erlasting; * and his faithfulness endures
from age to age.

101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you,
O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;
oh, when will you come to me? * I will
walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my
eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they
shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; *
I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neigh-
bors I will destroy; * those who have a

haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Twentieth Day: Morning Prayer

102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, * and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her; * indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble, * and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, * and all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; * he will not despise their plea.

18 Let this be written for a future generation, * so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his holy place on high; * from the heavens he beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the captive * and set free those condemned to die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

103 *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Twentieth Day: Evening Prayer

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not

pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and
seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and
lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his
labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works!
* in wisdom you have made them all; the
earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with
its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that
Leviathan, * which you have made for the
sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them
their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are ter-
rified; * you take away their breath, and
they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are
created; * and so you renew the face of the
earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, * and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer

105

Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance.”

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Twenty-first Day: Evening Prayer

106

Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried

up, * and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, * and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished

Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, *
when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them
* and relented in accordance with his great
mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those
who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather
us from among the nations, * that we may
give thanks to your holy Name and glory
in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Is-
rael, from everlasting to everlasting; * and
let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Twenty-second Day: Morning Prayer

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words
of God * and despised the counsel of the
Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard
labor; * they stumbled, and there was none
to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep
gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze *
and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious
ways; * they were afflicted because of their
sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and
drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them
* and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation

of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

Twenty-second Day: Evening Prayer

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * "I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph."

10 Who will lead me into the strong city?
* who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you
no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy,
* for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;
* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth
of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue;
* they encompass me with hateful words
and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but
as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred
for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let
an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty,
* and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another
take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his
wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; *
let them be driven from the ruins of their
homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has;
* let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kind-
ness, * and none to pity his fatherless chil-
dren.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and
his name be blotted out in the next gener-
ation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be
remembered before the LORD, * and his
mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD;
* but let him root out their names from the
earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show
mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy
and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him;
* he took no delight in blessing, let it de-
part from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let
it soak into his body like water and into his
bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he
wraps around himself, * and like the belt
that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, * and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; * they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, * that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; * let those who rise up against me be put to shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace * and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; * in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of

the needy, * to save his life from those who would condemn him.

Twenty-third Day: Morning Prayer

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants

of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed,
* from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going
down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits
enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the
princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house
* to be a joyful mother of children.

Twenty-third Day: Evening Prayer

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * “Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Twenty-fourth Day: Morning Prayer

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of
the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we
will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD,
send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Twenty-fourth Day: Evening Prayer

119

Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let
me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct
me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judg-
ments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way
of your decrees * than in all manner of
riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments
* and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will
not forget your word.

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the
wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not
hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with
longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed
are they who stray from your command-
ments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for
I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and they are my counselors.

Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

Twenty-fifth Day: Morning Prayer

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of

my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings * and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, * and I will meditate on your statutes.

Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant, * because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, * but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * because of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * because I have kept your commandments.
Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.
Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good;
* instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, *
but I will keep your commandments with
my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my
delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been af-
flicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me
* than thousands in gold and silver.

Twenty-fifth Day: Evening Prayer

Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.
Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.
Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day
long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser
than my enemies, * and it is always with
me.

99 I have more understanding than all my
teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because
I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,
* that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments,
* because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste!
* they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain
understanding; * therefore I hate every ly-
ing way.

Twenty-sixth Day: Morning Prayer

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to
keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my
life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute
of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I
do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
* but I have not strayed from your com-
mandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for
ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your
statutes * for ever and to the end.
Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart,
* but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my
hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.
Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; * do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; * let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation * and for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness * and teach me your statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives
light; * it gives understanding to the sim-
ple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long
for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always
do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress
me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your
servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * be-
cause people do not keep your law.
Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and
upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice * and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, * yet your commandments are my delight.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; * grant me understanding, that I may live.

Twenty-sixth Day: Evening Prayer

Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.
Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, *
for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and
oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from
your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, *
for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all
your righteous judgments endure for ever-
more.

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a
cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your
word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise
* as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, *
but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, *
because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your
law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,
* and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have
loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and
decrees, * for all my ways are before you.
Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your
word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is
lost; * search for your servant, for I do not
forget your commandments.

Twenty-seventh Day: Morning Prayer

120 Ad Dominum

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; * I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips * and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, * O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, * along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech * and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live * among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, * but when I speak of it, they are for war.

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall

asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let
us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your
gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at
unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise
the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May
they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
* I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to 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,
* for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

124 Nisi quia Dominus

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! * he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

Twenty-seventh Day: Evening Prayer

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

127 Nisi Dominus

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, * their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, * in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread

of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! * he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the
gate.

128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth," * let Israel now say;

2 “Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, * but they have not prevailed against me.”

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back * and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the house-tops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

131 Domine, non est

1 O LORD, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore.

Twenty-eighth Day: Morning Prayer

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David;
* in truth, he will not break it:

12 “A son, the fruit of your body * will I
set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and
my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for
evermore.”

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he
has desired her for his habitation:

15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever;
* here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and
satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation,
* and her faithful people will rejoice and
sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David
flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my
Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them
with shame; * but as for him, his crown
will shine.”

133 Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when
brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs
down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

134 Ecce nunc

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, * you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

135 Laudate nomen

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; * give praise, you servants of the LORD.

2 You 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 good; * sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself * and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, * in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; * he sends out lightning with the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, * the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, * against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations * and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, * and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, * an inheritance for Israel his people.

13 O LORD, your Name is everlasting; * your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

14 For the LORD gives his people justice * and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; * neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; *
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Twenty-eighth Day: Evening Prayer

136 Confitemini

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

137 Super flumina

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your

hands.

Twenty-ninth Day: Morning Prayer

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! * You that thirst for blood, depart from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; * your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? * and do I not loathe those who rise

up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; * protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; * protect me from the violent, who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me and stretched out a net of cords; * they have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplication.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salvation, * you have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; * let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; * let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

Twenty-ninth Day: Evening Prayer

141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me * and from the traps of the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, * while I myself escape.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, * for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * let your good Spirit

lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly I am your servant.

Thirtieth Day: Morning Prayer

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword * and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, * no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! * happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts

perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Thirtieth Day: Evening Prayer

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength

of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,

* for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Psalter

First Day: Morning Prayer

119

Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *
how many there are who rise up against
me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about
me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts
up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he
answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake
again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my
God; * surely, you will strike all my en-
emies across the face, you will break the
teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your
blessing be upon your people!

5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * con-
sider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and
my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;
* early in the morning I make my appeal
and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes plea-
sure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell
with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; *
you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the
bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you
abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of
your mercy I will go into your house; * I
will bow down toward your holy temple in
awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteous-
ness, because of those who lie in wait for
me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; *
there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they
flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them
fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions
cast them out, * for they have rebelled against
you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be
glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those
who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the right-
eous; * you will defend them with your
favor as with a shield.

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

First Day: Evening Prayer

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak;
* heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long,
O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save
me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; *
and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed and flood my
couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn
away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the
LORD has heard the sound of my weep-
ing.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication;
* the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded
and quake with fear; * they shall turn back
and suddenly be put to shame.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;
* save and deliver me from all who pursue
me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver
me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these
things: * if there is any wickedness in my
hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or
plundered him who without cause is my
enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake
me, * trample my life into the ground, and
lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise
up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let
the assembly of the peoples gather round
you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most
High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my
righteousness, O LORD, * and according
to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to
an end, but establish the righteous; * for

you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak

from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

Second Day: Morning Prayer

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?

* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, * that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon

us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Day: Evening Prayer

18

Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down * with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; * he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, * burst hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; * the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them; * he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare, * at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me; * for they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD
* and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes,
* and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him *
and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure,
* but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale

any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they

cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Third Day: Morning Prayer

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the
wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not
hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with
longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed
are they who stray from your command-
ments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for
I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against
me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and
they are my counselors.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your

presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him

out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King

of glory shall come in.

8 “Who is this King of glory?” * “The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.”

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” * “The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

Third Day: Evening Prayer

22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;
* in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the
poor in their poverty; neither does he hide
his face from them; * but when they cry to
him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assem-
bly; * I will perform my vows in the pres-
ence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and
those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
* "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remem-
ber and turn to the LORD, * and all the
families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; * all who go down
to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descen-
dants shall serve him; * they shall be known
as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn * the saving deeds that

he has done.

23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Fourth Day: Morning Prayer

Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Fourth Day: Evening Prayer

26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on
me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in
the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the
strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up
my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my
adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against
me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against
me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
* and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep
me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me
in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above
my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Fifth Day: Morning Prayer

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for
ever, * and the designs of his heart from

age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Fifth Day: Evening Prayer

13 Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” * Then you forgave me the

guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Sixth Day: Morning Prayer

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me,
O LORD, * and your salvation, according
to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who
taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of
my mouth, * for my hope is in your judg-
ments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I
shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study
your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings
* and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which
I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your com-
mandments, * and I will meditate on your
statutes.

34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his
praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

Sixth Day: Evening Prayer

36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is

the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Seventh Day: Morning Prayer

Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant,
* because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that
your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of
old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * be-
cause of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to
me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O
LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * be-
cause I have kept your commandments.

35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against

those who pursue me; * say to my soul, “I am your salvation.”

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, * and let the angel of the LORD drive them away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; * without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; * let them be caught in the net they hid; let them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, “LORD, who is like you? * You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me; * they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good; * my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in

sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me; * they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled * and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; * God has established her for ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of your temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; * your right hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; * count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Seventh Day: Evening Prayer

37

Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

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19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times,

* and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish,
* and the enemies of the LORD, like the
glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they
shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, *
but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall
possess the land, * but those who are cursed
by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD;
* he strengthens those in whose way he
delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall head-
long, * for the LORD holds them by the
hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old,
* but never have I seen the righteous for-
saken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in
their lending, * and their children shall be
a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell
in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does
not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but

the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Eighth Day: Morning Prayer

Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words; but my pain
became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I
pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke
out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the num-
ber of my days, * so that I may know how
short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of
days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your
sight; * truly, even those who stand erect
are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain
we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and
cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord,
my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth,
* for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am
worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like
a moth you eat away all that is dear to us;
* truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear
to my cry; * hold not your peace at my

tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, * before I go my way and am no more.

66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

Eighth Day: Evening Prayer

38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; * my neighbors stand afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, * so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; * when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, * while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; * how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, * among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do

I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Ninth Day: Morning Prayer

Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; * instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, * but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me * than thousands in gold and silver.

40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon

a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not

concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!”

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; * do not tarry, O my God.

41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor

and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

Ninth Day: Evening Prayer

50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,

* nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother's
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, * but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Tenth Day: Morning Prayer

Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you

did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle
* and are making no profit on the sale of
them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neigh-
bors, * a mockery and derision to those
around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the
nations, * a laughing-stock among the peo-
ples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, *
and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers
and blasphemers, * because of the enemy
and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we
have not forgotten you, nor have we be-
trayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did
our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place
of misery, * and covered us over with deep
darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our
God, * or stretched out our hands to some
strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows
the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all
the day long; * we are accounted as sheep

for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping?

* Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Tenth Day: Evening Prayer

63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword,
* and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all
those who swear by him will be glad; * for
the mouth of those who speak lies shall be
stopped.

64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I com-
plain; * protect my life from fear of the
enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,
* from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword,
* and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless
from ambush; * they shoot without warn-
ing and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they
plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will
find out our crimes? * we have thought
out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mys-
tery; * but God will loose an arrow at them,
and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues,
* and all who see them will shake their
heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Eleventh Day: Morning Prayer

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation;
* I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for
your promise, * and I say, "When will you
comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in
the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your
statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when
will you give judgment against those who
persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they
do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help
me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me
on earth, * but I have not forsaken your
commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, *
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all
you who dwell in the world, * you of high

degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne
has been established; * you are from ever-
lasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the
waters have lifted up their voice; * the wa-
ters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and
holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for
ever and for evermore.

Eleventh Day: Evening Prayer

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set
me free; * incline your ear to me and save
me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me
safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of
the wicked, * from the clutches of the evil-
doer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, *
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since
I was born; from my mother's womb you
have been my strength; * my praise shall
be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but
you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise *
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * for-
sake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me,
* and those who lie in wait for my life take

counsel together.

11 They say, “God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save.”

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon

endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops; * may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; * may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Twelfth Day: Morning Prayer

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, * because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! * for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, * but your commandment has no bounds.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike

have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, * those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; * in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before

him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Twelfth Day: Evening Prayer

78

Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and

whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them;

* he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning * and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, * and repent, and diligently search for God.

35 They would remember that God was their rock, * and the Most High God their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths * and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him, * and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins and did not destroy them; * many times he held back his anger and did not permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does not return.

Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God *
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in
the day when he ransomed them from the
enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt *
and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so
that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them,
which ate them up, * and frogs, which de-
stroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, *
the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and
their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones *
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing
anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a
troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did
not spare their souls from death; * but de-
livered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt,
* the flower of manhood in the dwellings
of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, * his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the
skillfulness of his hands.

Thirteenth Day: Morning Prayer

Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy *
and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me
* and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the
terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me,
* and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, “Oh, that I had wings like a
dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make
my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy
wind and tempest.”

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound
their speech; * for I have seen violence and
strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their
rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and
misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her
streets are never free of oppression and de-
ceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted
me, then I could have borne it; * or had it
been an enemy who vaunted himself against
me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own

heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; * let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, * righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above

all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Thirteenth Day: Evening Prayer

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will

you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow * and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, * so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; * preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at

the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * and son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Fourteenth Day: Morning Prayer

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to
keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my
life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute
of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I
do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
* but I have not strayed from your com-
mandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for
ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your
statutes * for ever and to the end.

56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my ene-
mies are hounding me; * all day long they
assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly
there are many who fight against me, O

Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,
for I have taken refuge in you; * in the
shadow of your wings will I take refuge
until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, *
the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me;
he will confound those who trample upon
me; * God will send forth his love and his
faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the
people; * their teeth are spears and arrows,
their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am
bowed low; * they have dug a pit before
me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God,
* and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart
is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O
LORD; * I will sing praise to you among
the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than
the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches

to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God,
* and your glory over all the earth.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he
has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory;
* his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithful-
ness to the house of Israel, * and all the
ends of the earth have seen the victory of
our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with
the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in
it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and
let the hills ring out with joy before the
LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world

* and the peoples with equity.

Fourteenth Day: Evening Prayer

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off; * let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away, * like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they

see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, * and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; * I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; * LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? * will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? * your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? * or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; * in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? * why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; * I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; * your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, * and darkness is my only companion.

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;

* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold

* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

Fifteenth Day: Morning Prayer

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart,
* but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my
hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will
keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise,
that I may live, * and let me not be disap-
pointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and
my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your
statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth
are but dross; * therefore I love your de-
crees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you;
* I am afraid of your judgments.

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how the mighty gather together against me; * not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; * show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths, and taunts are on their lips; * "For who," they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; * you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength; * for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me; * God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people forget; * send them reeling by your might and put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, for the cursing and lies that they utter, * let them be caught in their pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; * make an end of them, and they shall be no more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; * they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength; * I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, * a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; * for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Fifteenth Day: Evening Prayer

91 Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your
dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over
you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the
adder; * you shall trample the young lion
and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, there-
fore will I deliver him; * I will protect him,
because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will an-
swer him; * I am with him in trouble; I
will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and
show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the
LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name,
O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in
the morning * and of your faithfulness in
the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to
the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts,
O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of
the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the
fool understand, * that though the wicked
grow like weeds, and all the workers of in-
iquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for
ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for
evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your
enemies shall perish, * and all the workers
of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the
horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with
fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
* and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of
the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm
tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of
the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of
our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

120 Ad Dominum

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; * I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips * and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, * O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, * along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech * and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live * among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, * but when I speak of it, they are for war.

Sixteenth Day: Morning Prayer

Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and bro-
ken us; * you have been angry; oh, take
us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a

leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness and come
before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his; we
are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go
into his courts with praise; * give thanks
to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is ev-
erlasting; * and his faithfulness endures
from age to age.

Sixteenth Day: Evening Prayer

102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, * and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her; * indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble, * and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, * and all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; * he will not despise their plea.

18 Let this be written for a future generation, * so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his holy place on high; * from the heavens he beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the captive * and set free those condemned to die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength be-
fore my time; * he has shortened the num-
ber of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me
away in the midst of my days; * your years
endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the
foundations of the earth, * and the heavens
are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure;
they all shall wear out like a garment; * as
clothing you will change them, and they
shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and
your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall con-
tinue, * and their offspring shall stand fast
in your sight.”

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let
us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your
gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at
unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, * I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

Seventeenth Day: Morning Prayer

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts

at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away;
* the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheep-
folds, * you shall be like a dove whose
wings are covered with silver, whose feath-
ers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan!
* O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged
mountain, at the hill which God chose for
his resting place? * truly, the LORD will
dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thou-
sand, even thousands of thousands; * the
Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led cap-
tivity captive; you have received gifts even
from your enemies, * that the LORD God
might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the
God of our salvation, who bears our bur-
dens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salva-
tion; * God is the LORD, by whom we es-
cape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his ene-
mies, * and the hairy scalp of those who

go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Seventeenth Day: Evening Prayer

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his,

in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

124 Nisi quia Dominus

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up
alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us * and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone
right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! * he has not given
us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Eighteenth Day: Morning Prayer

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice * and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, * yet your commandments are my delight.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; * grant me understanding, that I may live.

69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you,
* at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer
me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me
sink; * let me be rescued from those who
hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over
me, neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is
kind; * in your great compassion, turn to
me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant;
* be swift and answer me, for I am in dis-
tress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * be-
cause of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and
my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in
your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it
cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy,
but there was none, for comforters, but I
could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I
was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap *
and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

Eighteenth Day: Evening Prayer

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not

pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and
seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and
lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his
labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works!
* in wisdom you have made them all; the
earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with
its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that
Leviathan, * which you have made for the
sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them
their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are ter-
rified; * you take away their breath, and
they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are
created; * and so you renew the face of the
earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, * and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

Nineteenth Day: Morning Prayer

Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; * I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, “How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?”

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, * and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, * God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; * I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the gates of the city of Zion.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

Nineteenth Day: Evening Prayer

105

Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance.”

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Twentieth Day: Morning Prayer

Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me,
* for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * ac-
cording to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, *
for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judg-
ments.

157 There are many who persecute and
oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from
your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, *
for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all
your righteous judgments endure for ever-
more.

74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; * the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; * they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; * they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy them altogether.” * They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; * there is not one among us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times,
* victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might *
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon
the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan *
and gave him to the people of the desert
for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you
dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night;
* you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
* you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy
scoffed, * how a foolish people despised
your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove
to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of
your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark
places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adver-
saries, * the unending tumult of those who

rise up against you.

75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Twentieth Day: Evening Prayer

106

Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried

up, * and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, * and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished

Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, *
when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them
* and relented in accordance with his great
mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those
who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather
us from among the nations, * that we may
give thanks to your holy Name and glory
in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Is-
rael, from everlasting to everlasting; * and
let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise * as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, * and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because

he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Twenty-first Day: Evening Prayer

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and
ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so
great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the
peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed
your people, * the children of Jacob and
Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters
saw you and trembled; * the very depths
were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies
thundered; * your arrows flashed to and
fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the
whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;
* the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths
in the great waters, * yet your footsteps
were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by
the hand of Moses and Aaron.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * “Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD,
* both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and
more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where
is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the
maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall
asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Twenty-second Day: Morning Prayer

Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
* search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.’ ”

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, “Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more.”

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves * the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD, * that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; * let them be put to confusion and perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Twenty-second Day: Evening Prayer

107

Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words
of God * and despised the counsel of the
Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard
labor; * they stumbled, and there was none
to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep
gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze *
and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious
ways; * they were afflicted because of their
sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and
drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them
* and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation

of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

131 Domine, non est

1 O LORD, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore.

Twenty-third Day: Morning Prayer

I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, * and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; *

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

135 Laudate nomen

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; * give praise, you servants of the LORD.

2 You 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 good; * sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself * and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, * in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; * he sends out lightning with

the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, * the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, * against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations * and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, * and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, * an inheritance for Israel his people.

13 O LORD, your Name is everlasting; * your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

14 For the LORD gives his people justice * and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; * neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; *
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Twenty-third Day: Evening Prayer

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;
* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth
of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue;
* they encompass me with hateful words
and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but
as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred
for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let
an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty,
* and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another
take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his
wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; *
let them be driven from the ruins of their
homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has;
* let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your

tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, * and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; * they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, * that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; * let those who rise up against me be put to shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace * and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; * in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, * to save his life from those who would condemn him.

128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

Twenty-fourth Day: Morning Prayer

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD, * and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, * but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled
before them; * the helpless fall before their
power.

11 They say in their heart, "God has for-
gotten; * he hides his face; he will never
notice."

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O
God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? *
why should they say in their heart, “You
do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery;
* you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you,
* for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil;
* search out their wickedness until you find
none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; *
the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the
humble; * you will strengthen their heart
and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and op-
pressed, * so that mere mortals may strike
terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how
then can you say to me, “Fly away like a
bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot
from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed,
* what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD'S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
* that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for
the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from
afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your
hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose
for me; * O LORD, your love endures for
ever; do not abandon the works of your
hands.

Twenty-fourth Day: Evening Prayer

89

Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown

upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven."

30 "If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * 'I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.' "

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor *
and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth
* and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD?
will you hide yourself for ever? * how
long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, *
how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who
can save himself from the power of the
grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses
of old, * which you promised David in your
faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is
mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the
taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled,
O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels
of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! *
Amen, I say, Amen.

Twenty-fifth Day: Morning Prayer

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 “I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God’s dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine."

145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout

all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Twenty-fifth Day: Evening Prayer

16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
* nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in
your presence there is fullness of joy, and
in your right hand are pleasures for ever-
more.

70 Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O
LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; * let those who
take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and
gloat over me turn back, * because they
are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad
in you; * let those who love your salvation
say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O
LORD, * you have restored the good for-
tune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my
right hand, * until I make your enemies
your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your
power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over
your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the
day of your birth; * in the beauty of ho-
liness have I begotten you, like dew from
the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not
recant: * “You are a priest for ever after
the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will
smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he
will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will
smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the
road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

Twenty-sixth Day: Morning Prayer

123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to 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, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years

in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Twenty-sixth Day: Evening Prayer

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, * but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Twenty-seventh Day: Morning Prayer

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, “The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice.”

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? * who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of
silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your
consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part
with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon
them and destroy them in their own mal-
ice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises
to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor
him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gath-
ers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds
up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and
calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
* there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts
the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and
prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the moun-
tains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds
* and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a
horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength
of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those
who fear him, * in those who await his gra-
cious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise
your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your
gates; * he has blessed your children within
you.

15 He has established peace on your bor-
ders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth,
* and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Twenty-seventh Day: Evening Prayer

136 Confitemini

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Twenty-eighth Day: Morning Prayer

127 Nisi Dominus

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city,
* in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go
to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread
of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! * he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the
gate.

101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you,
O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;
oh, when will you come to me? * I will
walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my
eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they

shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; *
I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself

shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Twenty-eighth Day: Evening Prayer

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! * You that thirst for blood, depart from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; * your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? * and do I not loathe those who rise

up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; * protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; * protect me from the violent, who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me and stretched out a net of cords; * they have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplication.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salvation, * you have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; * let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; * let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

Twenty-ninth Day: Morning Prayer

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 “Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth,” * let Israel now say;

2 “Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, * but they have not prevailed against me.”

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back * and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

137 Super flumina

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance;
* let them sing praise to him with timbrel
and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Twenty-ninth Day: Evening Prayer

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and
devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall
not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and
aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; *
we will sing and praise your power.

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of
Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a peo-
ple of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Is-
rael his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned
and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like
rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Thirtieth Day: Morning Prayer

133 Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days

are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword * and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls,
no going into exile, * no wailing in the
public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is
so! * happy are the people whose God is
the LORD!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy tem-
ple; * praise him in the firmament of his
power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise
him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-
horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise
the Lord. Hallelujah!

Thirtieth Day: Evening Prayer

141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me * and from the traps of the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, * while I myself escape.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, * for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * let your good Spirit

lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly I am your servant.

The Great Litany

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, *Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever. *Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal

in the right way, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United

States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and

all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely;
to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body,
and spirit; and to comfort with thy pres-
ence those who are failing and infirm, *We
beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help,
and comfort all who are in danger, neces-
sity, and tribulation, *We beseech thee to
hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon
all mankind, *We beseech thee to hear us,
good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true re-
pentance; to forgive us all our sins, neg-
ligences, and ignorances; and to endue us
with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend
our lives according to thy holy Word, *We
beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our en-
emies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to
turn their hearts, *We beseech thee to hear
us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such
as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-
hearted; to raise up those who fall; and fi-
nally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the

faithful departed eternal life and peace, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [____ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. *Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us. *O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

or this

Kyrie eleison. *Christe eleison.* Kyrie eleison.

When the Litany is sung or said immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes here, and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

On all other occasions, the Officiant and People say together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

∿ O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

℞ As we do put our trust in thee.

The Officiant concludes with the following or some other Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant may add other Prayers, and end the Litany, saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Supplication

For use in the Litany in place of the Ver-

sicle and Collect which follows the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion; especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise, help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

∿ From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

℞ Graciously behold our afflictions.

∿ With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

℞ Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

∿ Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

℞ O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

∿ Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

℞ Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

The Officiant concludes

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Prayers

1-6: For the world

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Thanksgivings

1,2: General thanksgivings

3,4: For the church

5,6: For national life

7: For the social order

8,9: For the natural order

10,11: For families and personal life

Prayers originally composed in traditional idiom have not been modernized; but, except in certain classical prayers which do not lend themselves to modernization, pronouns and verbs have been put in italics to assist in rendering them into contemporary speech.

Prayers for the World

1. For joy in God's creation
2. For all sorts and conditions of men
3. For the human family
4. For peace
5. For peace among the nations
6. For our enemies

1. For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. For All Sorts and Conditions of Men

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

3. For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. For Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

5. For Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. For our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Church

7. For the church
8. For the mission of the church
9. For the clergy and people
10. For the diocese
11. For the parish
12. For a church convention or meeting
13. For the election of a Bishop or other Minister
14. For the Unity of the Church
15. For those about to be Baptized or to renew their Baptismal Covenant
16. For Monastic Orders and Vocations
17. For Church Musicians and Artists

7. For the Church

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.

8. For the Mission of the Church

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

9. For the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

10. For the Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops(s) N. [and N.], and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12. For a Church Convention or Meeting

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel [in ____] for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. For the Election of a Bishop or other Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese (or, rector for this parish), that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

14. For the Unity of the Church

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**15. For those about to be Baptized or to
renew their Baptismal Covenant**

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

16. For Monastic Orders and Vocations

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

17. For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for National Life

18. For our Country
19. For the President of the United States
and all in Civil Authority
20. For Congress or a State Legislature
21. For Courts of Justice
22. For Sound Government
23. For Local Government
24. For an Election
25. For those in the Armed Forces of our
Country
26. For those who Suffer for the sake of
Conscience

18. For our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**19. For the President of the United States
and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

20. For Congress or a State Legislature

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech thee so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled (or in the Legislature of this State, or Commonwealth), that they may enact such laws as shall please thee, to the glory of thy Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

21. For Courts of Justice

Almighty God, who sittest in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

22. For Sound Government

The responses in italics may be omitted.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully

in our generation and honor your holy Name.
For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you
are exalted as head above all. *Amen.*

23. For Local Government

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in this State (Commonwealth, City, County, Town, _____) the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24. For an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25. For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26. For those who suffer for the sake of Conscience

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

Prayers for the Social Order

- 27. For Social Justice
- 28. In Times of Conflict
- 29. For Agriculture
- 30. For the Unemployed
- 31. For Schools and Colleges
- 32. For the Good Use of Leisure
- 33. For Cities
- 34. For Towns and Rural Areas
- 35. For the Poor and Neglected
- 36. For the Oppressed
- 37. For Prisons and Correctional Institutions
- 38. For the Right Use of God's Gifts
- 39. For those who Influence Public Opinion

27. For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

28. In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

29. For Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

30. For the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

31. For Schools and Colleges

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities [and especially ____], that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

32. For the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

33. For Cities

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

34. For Towns and Rural Areas

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas [especially ____]; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

35. For the Poor and the Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

36. For the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

37. For Prisons and Correctional Institutions

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

38. For the Right Use of God's Gifts

Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

39. For those who Influence Public Opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Natural Order

- 40. For Knowledge of God's Creation
- 41. For the Conservation of Natural Resources
- 42. For the Harvest of Lands and Waters
- 43. For Rain
- 44. For the Future of the Human Race

40. For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

41. For the Conservation of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

42. For the Harvest of Lands and Waters

O gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest, that men and women everywhere may give thee thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

43. For Rain

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

44. For the Future of the Human Race

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Family and Personal Life

45. For Families
46. For the Care of Children
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48. For Those Who Live Alone
49. For the Aged
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54. For those we Love
55. For a Person in Trouble or Bereavement
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58. For Guidance
59. For Quiet Confidence
60. For Protection
61. A Prayer of Self-Dedication
62. A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

45. For Families

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for parents is on page 444.

46. For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

47. For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

48. For Those Who Live Alone

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

49. For the Aged

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

50. For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

51. For a Birthday

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

52. For the Absent

O God, whose fatherly care reacheth to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech thee graciously to behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may be bound together by thy love in the communion of thy Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

53. For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular ____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

54. For those we Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

55. For a Person in Trouble or Bereavement

O merciful Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity upon the sorrows of thy servant for whom our prayers are offered. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy, nourish his soul with patience, comfort him with a sense of thy goodness, lift up thy countenance upon him, and give him peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

56. For the Victims of Addiction

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

57. For Guidance

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

58. For Guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

59. For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

60. For Protection

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

61. A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

62. A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Other Prayers

Prayers for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and for morning and evening are on pages 56, 69, 98, and 123.

63. In the Evening

64. Before Worship

65. For the Answering of Prayer

66. Before Receiving Communion

67. After Receiving Communion

68. After Worship

69. On Sunday

70. Grace at Meals

63. In the Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

64. Before Worship

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

65. For the Answering of Prayer

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

66. Before Receiving Communion

See also the Prayer of Humble Access on page 337.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

67. After Receiving Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

68. After Worship

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

69. On Sunday

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

70. Grace at Meals

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

Bless, O Lord, thy gifts to our use and us to thy service; for Christ's sake. Amen.

or this

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

For these and all his mercies, God's holy Name be blessed and praised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings

General Thanksgivings

For the Church

For the Social Order

For the Natural Order

For Family and Personal Life

General thanksgivings

1. A General Thanksgiving (1979 Version)
1. A General Thanksgiving (2007 Version)
2. A Litany of Thanksgiving

1. A General Thanksgiving (1979 Version)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

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Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

2. A Litany of Thanksgiving

For optional use on Thanksgiving Day, in place of the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist, or at any time after the Collects at Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times
and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great
mercies and promises given to us in Christ
Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory,
with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

*See also The General Thanksgiving on pages
58 and 101.*

Thanksgivings for the Church

3. For the Mission of the Church
4. For the Saints and Faithful Departed

3. For the Mission of the Church

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

4. For the Saints and Faithful Departed

See also the prayer "O God, the King of Saints," page 489 and 504.

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife; for Moses, the law-giver, and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel with Hannah his mother; for Isaiah and all the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Stephen, the first martyr, and all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land. In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead. Amen.

Thanksgivings for National Life

5. For the Nation

6. For Heroic Service

5. For the Nation

Almighty God, giver of all good things:
We thank you for the natural majesty and
beauty of this land. They restore us, though
we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of
this nation. They make us rich, though we
often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who
have made this country strong. They are
models for us, though we often fall short
of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which
has been lit in this land. It has drawn peo-
ple from every nation, though we have of-
ten hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inher-
ited in all its rich variety. It sustains our
life, though we have been faithless again
and again.

Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work
here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot
out ignorance and prejudice, and to abol-
ish poverty and crime. And hasten the day
when all our people, with many voices in
one united chorus, will glorify your holy

Name. *Amen.*

6. For Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Social Order

7. For the Diversity of Races and Cultures

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings for the Natural Order

8. For the Beauty of the Earth
9. For the Harvest

8. For the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.

9. For the Harvest

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seed time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgivings for Family and Personal Life

10. For the Gift of a Child

11. For the Restoration of Health

10. For the Gift of a Child

Thanksgiving for a Child on page 439.

Heavenly Father, you sent; your own Son into this world. We thank you for the life of this child, N., entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture him, that he may attain to that full stature intended for him in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. For the Restoration of Health

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks because thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver from his sickness thy servant N., in whose behalf we bless and praise thy Name. Grant, O gracious Father, that he, through thy help, may live in this world according to thy will, and also be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings for the departed are on pages 487-489 and 503-504.

The Lessons

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Jul.	Aug.	Sep.
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January

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Marian Devotions

The **Angelus** is commonly said three times per day, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. It may be used before or after any office.

During Eastertide, the **Regina Caeli** is used instead of the Angelus.

There are four seasonal Marian anthems commonly said at the close of day, after Compline. The Regina Caeli is the anthem during Eastertide. The others are:

Alma Redemptoris Mater

From the first Sunday of Advent until Feb.

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Ave Regina Caelorum

From Feb. 2 until Easter Eve

Salve Regina

During the season after Pentecost

The Angelus

∿ The angel of the Lord announced unto
Mary,
℞ and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee. Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

∿ Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
℞ Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee. Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

∿ And the Word was made flesh,
℞ and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee. Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

∿ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
℞ that we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by the message of an angel to the Virgin Mary, so may we by his cross and passion be brought into the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia;
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia;
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

∿ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

℞ For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world; grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

O gracious mother of our Redeemer,
Forever abiding gate of Heaven,
And star of the ocean,
Comfort thy people, who, though falling,
Strive to rise again.
O thou maiden who barest thy holy Cre-
ator,
To the wonder of all nature,
Ever-virgin, after, as before,
Thou receivdst that Ave from the mouth
of Gabriel,
Have compassion on us sinners.

during Advent

∿ The angel of the Lord announced unto
Mary,
℞ And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour thy grace
into our hearts, that as we have known the
incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, an-
nounced by the message of an angel to the
Virgin Mary, so may we by his cross and
passion be brought into the glory of his
resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

on or after Christmas

∿ After childbirth, thou didst remain a vir-
gin;

℞ Intercede for us to the Son of God.

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we deserved to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

Ave Regina Caelorum

Queen of the heavens, we hail thee
Hail thee, Lady of all the angels.
Thou, the dawn, the door of morning,
Whence the world's true Light is risen.
Joy to thee, O Virgin glorious,
Beautiful beyond all other;
Hail, and fare well, O most gracious.
Intercede for us always to Jesus.

∿ Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O holy
virgin.
℞ Give me strength against thine enemies.

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in
our weakness: that we who celebrate the
memory of the holy Mother of God may,
through the aid of her intercession, rise
again from our sins. Through the same Je-
sus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Salve Regina

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, as mourning and weeping we pass through this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

∿ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-mother Mary to be a habitation meet for thy Son: grant that we, who rejoice in her commemoration, may be delivered, by her loving intercession, from all present evils, and from the everlasting death; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

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103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 62:1-12

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I

will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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Colossians 2:6-12

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the

Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

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Evening psalms

148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Genesis 17:1-16

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee,

and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant. And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

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John 16:23-30

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, * you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Morning lessons

Genesis 28:10-22

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the

name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

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Hebrews 11:13-22

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said,

That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

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Evening psalms

72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Evening lessons

1 Kings 19:9-18

And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left;

and they seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

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John 10:7-17

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But

he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he
has founded; * the LORD loves the gates
of Zion more than all the dwellings of Ja-
cob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O
city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those
who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre,
and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was
born in her, * and the Most High himself
shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the
peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, *
“All my fresh springs are in you.”

Morning lessons

Exodus 3:1-12

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of

the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

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Hebrews 11:23-31

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of

Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

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1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Evening lessons

Joshua 3:14-4:7

And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the

LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

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John 14:6-14

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not

of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

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4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

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Morning lessons

Joshua 1:1-9

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest

observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

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Hebrews 11:32-12:2

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tor-

mented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

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4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

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8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

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Evening lessons

Jonah 2:1-9

Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of

the LORD.

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John 15:1-16

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things

have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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Morning lessons

Isaiah 12:1-6

And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

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Revelation 1:1-8

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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Evening lessons

Isaiah 66:18-23

For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that

from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

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Romans 15:7-13

Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with

fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
* I will be exalted among the nations; I
will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the
God of Jacob is our stronghold.

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; * he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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Revelation 21:22-27

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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Evening psalms

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD

is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faith-

ful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

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Matthew 12:14-21

Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them that they should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EPIPHANY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EPIPHANY

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 61:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in

their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

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Galatians 3:23-4:7

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I say, That the heir, as long

as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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Evening psalms

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Isaiah 66:1-23

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he

blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her

like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations

upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

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John 9:1-38

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and

he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until

they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday, January 8

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146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: be-

hold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

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Hebrews 1:1-12

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his minis-

ters a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

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111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And

the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God

said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning

were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

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John 1:1-34

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and

his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said

unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *

how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people * who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; * surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your blessing be upon your people!

Morning lessons

Isaiah 40:12-23

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of

the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved. Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges

of the earth as vanity.

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Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth;

even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

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4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

* save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces * and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: * if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, * trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, * and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; * for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Evening lessons

Genesis 2:4-25

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created,

in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates. And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep

it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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Mark 1:1-13

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilder-

ness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

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5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; * I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; * you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; * heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; * and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; * the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no search-

ing of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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Ephesians 1:15-23

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and

might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD,
* and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
* but they are trapped in the schemes they
have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled

before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Evening lessons

Genesis 3:1-24

Now the serpent was more subtil than any

beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded

thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam

also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

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Mark 1:14-28

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mend-

ing their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let
me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, * that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and they are my counselors.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 41:1-16

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet. Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he. The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for

the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved. But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

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Ephesians 2:1-10

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Evening psalms

12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does

good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Genesis 4:1-16

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to

his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain,

lest any finding him should kill him. And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

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Mark 1:29-45

And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns,

that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavil-
ion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong ene-
mies and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 41:17-29

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and

your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you. I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counselor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

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Ephesians 2:11-22

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God

in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Genesis 4:17-26

And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold. And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

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Mark 2:1-12

And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and

take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Friday, January 13**Morning psalms**

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16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide

me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 42:1-17

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of

the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

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Ephesians 3:1-13

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

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22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Evening lessons

Genesis 6:1-8

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

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Mark 2:13-22

And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bride-

groom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 43:1-13

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from

the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

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Ephesians 3:14-21

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Genesis 6:9-22

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and

Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two

of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

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And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungry, he, and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto

the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Isaiah 43:14-44:5

Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way

in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even I, am he that blot-teth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. There-

fore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches. Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

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Hebrews 6:17-7:10

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an an-

chor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met

him.

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Evening psalms

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Genesis 7:1-23

And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark,

because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And

the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

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John 4:27-42

And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, say-

ing, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 44:6-23

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together. The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he

drinketh no water, and is faint. The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down

to the stock of a tree? He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

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Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given

grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Genesis 8:6-22

And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both

of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

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Mark 3:7-19

But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea, And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude,

when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many; in-somuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known. And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

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26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 44:9-20

They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together. The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes,

and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there

not a lie in my right hand?

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Ephesians 4:17-32

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good,

that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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Evening psalms

36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those

who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and

cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions * and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, * for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; * truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; * hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, * before I go my way and am no more.

Evening lessons

Genesis 9:1-17

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply,

and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein. And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for

perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

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Mark 3:19-35

And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house. And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How

can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit. There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Wednesday, January 18

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 3:4-11

And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hear-

kened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

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Acts 10:34-44

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and be-

gan from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

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Evening psalms

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the

countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

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John 21:15-22

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Pe-

ter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

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THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

Almighty Father, who didst inspire Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep thy Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 45:5-17

I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee,

though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it. Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth? Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they

shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols. But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

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Ephesians 5:15-33

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the

head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

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Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Genesis 11:1-9

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scat-

tered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

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Mark 4:21-34

And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you

that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and cometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Friday, January 20**Morning psalms**

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 45:18-25

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he cre-

ated it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

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Ephesians 6:1-9

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

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35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Genesis 11:27-12:8

Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran. Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram

was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

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Mark 4:35-41

And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat

into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 46:1-13

Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast. They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house

of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. Harken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my

glory.

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Ephesians 6:10-24

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

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Evening psalms

42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
* among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Evening lessons

Genesis 12:9-13:1

And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south. And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee

alive. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee. And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had. And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

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Mark 5:1-20

And they came over unto the other side of

the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed

the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

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Sunday, January 22

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 47:1-15

Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms. I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest

carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it. Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants,

from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

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Hebrews 10:19-31

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much

sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Genesis 13:2-18

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, be-

fore the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

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John 5:2-18

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep

market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no

more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 48:1-11

Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath com-

manded them. Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

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Galatians 1:1-17

Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself

for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I con-

ferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

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Evening psalms

44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Genesis 14:1-24

And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of El-lasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations; That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which

is the salt sea. Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness. And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men

which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

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Mark 5:21-43

And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve

years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Morning lessons

Isaiah 48:12-21

Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me. Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare

ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

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Galatians 1:18-2:10

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me. Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. But neither Titus, who

was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

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47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round
about her; * count the number of her tow-
ers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Evening lessons

Genesis 15:1-21

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. And he said unto him, I am the LORD that

brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, LORD God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Eu-

phrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

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Mark 6:1-13

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and

two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

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Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, January 25

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19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 45:18-25

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD

speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

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Philippians 3:4-11

Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I

more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

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Evening psalms

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10

But he that giveth his mind to the law of

the most High, and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will seek out the wisdom of all the ancient, and be occupied in prophecies. He will keep the sayings of the renowned men: and where subtil parables are, he will be there also. He will seek out the secrets of grave sentences, and be conversant in dark parables. He shall serve among great men, and appear before princes: he will travel through strange countries; for he hath tried the good and the evil among men. He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, and will pray before the most High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make supplication for his sins. When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the spirit of understanding: he shall pour out wise sentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer. He shall direct his counsel and knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate. He shall shew forth that which he hath learned, and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord. Many shall commend his understanding; and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out; his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation. Nations shall shew forth his wisdom, and the congregation shall declare his praise.

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Acts 9:1-22

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise,

and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither

for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

O God, who, by the preaching of thine apostle Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother’s
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Morning lessons

Isaiah 49:13-23

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. Lift

up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth. For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been? Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

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Galatians 3:1-14

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man

that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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Evening psalms

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my
enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people for-
get; * send them reeling by your might and
put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the
words of their lips, for the cursing and lies
that they utter, * let them be caught in their
pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no
more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in
Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are
not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my
merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Genesis 16:15-17:14

And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram. And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give

unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

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Mark 6:30-46

And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they

had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before

them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 50:1-11

Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of

your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away. Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering. The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth

shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

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Galatians 3:15-22

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels

in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Genesis 17:15-27

And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh

of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

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Mark 6:47-56

And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they

considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 51:1-8

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert

like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

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Galatians 3:23-29

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which

should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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Evening psalms

138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Genesis 18:1-16

And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures

of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh. And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

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Mark 7:1-23

Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let

him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

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Sunday, January 29

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 51:9-16

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth;

and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

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Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged

him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

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Evening psalms

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a

thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

Evening lessons

Genesis 18:16-33

And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their

sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes: Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. And he said unto him, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. And he said, Be-

hold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

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John 7:14-31

Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill

thee? Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is. Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, "Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth."

Morning lessons

Isaiah 51:17-23

Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation,

and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee? Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God. Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

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Galatians 4:1-11

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

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Evening psalms

64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Genesis 19:1-29

And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And

he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and

thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my LORD: Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and

my soul shall live. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

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Mark 7:24-37

And from thence he arose, and went into

the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed. And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them,

so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

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61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 52:1-12

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it

is I. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD. For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.

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Galatians 4:12-20

Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all. Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. And my temptation which was in

my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me. Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

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Evening psalms

68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, * you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Genesis 21:1-21

And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age. And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. And

Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

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Mark 8:1-10

In those days the multitude being very great,

and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away. And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, February 1

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121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; * the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 54:1-17

Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor re-

buke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

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Galatians 4:21-31

Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

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Evening psalms

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, * I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

Evening lessons

1 Samuel 1:20-28

Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

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Romans 8:14-21

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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EVE OF THE PRESENTATION

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF THE PRESENTATION

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiv-
ing, * among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jor-
dan, and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled

are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

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John 8:31-36

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall

make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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Evening psalms

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised;
* in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities

of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; * count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

Evening lessons

Haggai 2:1-9

In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD

of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

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1 John 3:1-8

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of

the devil.

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath

joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The Lord GOD, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

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Galatians 5:16-24

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For

the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, "How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?"

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Genesis 24:1-27

And Abraham was old, and well stricken
in age: and the LORD had blessed Abra-
ham in all things. And Abraham said unto
his eldest servant of his house, that ruled
over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy
hand under my thigh: And I will make
thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven,
and the God of the earth, that thou shalt
not take a wife unto my son of the daugh-
ters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter. And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water;

and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight,

and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

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Mark 9:2-13

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make

three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 57:3-13

But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood. Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks? Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst

send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not? I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee. When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

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Galatians 5:25-6:10

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is noth-

ing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

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Evening psalms

23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Genesis 24:28-51

And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man;

and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him. And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on. And he said, I am Abraham's servant. And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not

thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath. And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or

to the left. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

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Mark 9:14-29

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came

unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

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93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 57:14-21

And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God,

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Hebrews 12:1-6

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Genesis 24:50-67

Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken. And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. And they sent

away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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John 7:37-46

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 58:1-12

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide

not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

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Galatians 6:11-18

Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only

lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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Evening psalms

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Genesis 25:19-34

And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to

enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob. And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

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Mark 9:30-41

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle

in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 59:1-15

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened,

that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and

mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

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2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears,

that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost

which dwelleth in us.

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Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Genesis 26:1-33

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon. And it came to pass, when he had been there

a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife; and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names

by which his father had called them. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. And he went up from thence to Beersheba. And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well. Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched

thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD. And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day.

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Mark 9:42-50

And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire

is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 59:15-21

Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When

the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

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2 Timothy 1:15-2:13

This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me. The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well. Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach

others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

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Evening psalms

81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!
* that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat * and satisfy him with honey from
the rock.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all

the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Evening lessons

Genesis 27:1-29

And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau

thy brother, saying, Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first born; I have done according as thou badest me:

arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine and he drank. And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

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Mark 10:1-16

And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again. And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery. And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them:

and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

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83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves *
the fields of God as our possession."

13 O my God, make them like whirling
dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like
the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and
terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,
* that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for
ever; * let them be put to confusion and
perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name
is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most
High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 60:1-17

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the
glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For,
behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people: but the LORD
shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall
be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall

come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles,

and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee; The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou has been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

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2 Timothy 2:14-26

Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they

strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover them-

selves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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Evening psalms

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Evening lessons

Genesis 27:30-45

And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for

me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of

you both in one day?

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Mark 10:17-31

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier

for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Friday, February 10**Morning psalms**

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88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, * and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; * I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; * LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? * will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? * your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? * or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; * in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? * why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; * I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; * your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, * and darkness is my only companion.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 61:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;

because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among

the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

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2 Timothy 3:1-17

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at

Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

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91 Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of

the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the
fool understand, * that though the wicked
grow like weeds, and all the workers of in-
iquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for
ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for
evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your
enemies shall perish, * and all the workers
of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the
horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with
fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
* and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of
the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm
tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of
the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of
our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the
LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no

fault.

Evening lessons

Genesis 27:46-28:22

And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me? And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence;

and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram; And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife. And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken

to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

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Mark 10:32-45

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, Saying, Behold, we go up

to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever

will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be

glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof

as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

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2 Timothy 4:1-8

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and

shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Genesis 29:1-20

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth;

then we water the sheep. And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and

they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

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Mark 10:46-52

And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 62:6-12

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the

sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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1 John 2:3-11

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an

old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

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Evening psalms

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very
present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth be moved, * and though the moun-
tains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God
of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Evening lessons

Genesis 29:20-35

And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born. Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my hus-

band will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

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John 8:12-19

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written

in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 63:1-6

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

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1 Timothy 1:1-17

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. As I besought thee

to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This

is a faithful saying, and worthy of all ac-
ception, that Christ Jesus came into the
world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy,
that in me first Jesus Christ might shew
forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them
which should hereafter believe on him to
life everlasting. Now unto the King eter-
nal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Genesis 30:1-24

And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son. And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher. And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found

mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

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And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked

round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 63:7-14

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and ac-

according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

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1 Timothy 1:18-2:8

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which

went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

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94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

95 Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

Evening lessons

Genesis 31:1-24

And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory. And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked. Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. And it came to pass

at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled. And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred. And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money. For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's. And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled. So he fled with all that

he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead. And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

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Mark 11:12-25

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of

prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city. And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; * they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 63:15-64:9

Look down from heaven, and behold from
the habitation of thy holiness and of thy

glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name. Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be

saved. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

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1 Timothy 3:1-16

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. More-

over he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

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Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Genesis 31:25-50

Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead. And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing. It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not

to Jacob either good or bad. And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not. And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched but found not the images. And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their

young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight. And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born? Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called

Galeed; And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.

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Mark 11:27-12:12

And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders, And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do

these things. And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be our's. And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went

their way.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 65:1-12

I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts; A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom. Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. And I will bring forth a seed out of

Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

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1 Timothy 4:1-16

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the

word of God and prayer. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Genesis 32:3-21

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight. And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now

I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals. And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee? Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us. And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept

of me. So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

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Mark 12:13-27

And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him. Then come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave his wife behind him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were seven

brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed. And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise. And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also. In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a

rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

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1 Timothy 5:17-25

Let the elders that rule well be counted

worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Genesis 32:22-33:17

And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank. And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant. Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord. And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my

hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it. And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die. Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord. So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

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Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came, and having

heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 66:1-6

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from

the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

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1 Timothy 6:6-21

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed

and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

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33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Genesis 35:1-20

And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him. And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and

she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth. And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him. And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel. And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is

the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

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Mark 12:35-44

And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly. And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation. And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she

of her want did cast in all that she had,
even all her living.

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Sunday, February 19

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee,

thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

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Hebrews 12:18-29

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that

heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)
But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

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114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-11

Then stood up Elias the prophet as fire,
and his word burned like a lamp. He brought
a sore famine upon them, and by his zeal
he diminished their number. By the word
of the Lord he shut up the heaven, and also
three times brought down fire. O Elias,
how wast thou honoured in thy wondrous
deeds! and who may glory like unto thee!
Who didst raise up a dead man from death,
and his soul from the place of the dead, by
the word of the most High: Who brought-
est kings to destruction, and honorable men
from their bed: Who heardest the rebuke
of the Lord in Sinai, and in Horeb the judg-
ment of vengeance: Who annointedst kings
to take revenge, and prophets to succeed
after him: Who was taken up in a whirl-
wind of fire, and in a chariot of fiery horses:
Who wast ordained for reproofs in their

times, to pacify the wrath of the Lord's judgment, before it brake forth into fury, and to turn the heart of the father unto the son, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Blessed are they that saw thee, and slept in love; for we shall surely live.

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John 12:24-32

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this

world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

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25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 6:10-15

And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

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Hebrews 1:1-14

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a

vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

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9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Proverbs 27:1-12

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both. Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place. Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel. Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off. My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me. A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

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John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in

the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 6:16-25

Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers. To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken. And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us

out of Egypt with a mighty hand: And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

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Hebrews 2:1-10

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, accord-

ing to his own will? For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

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36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those

who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and

cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions * and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, * for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; * truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; * hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, * before I go my way and am no more.

Evening lessons

Proverbs 30:1-33

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel,

even unto Ithiel and Ucal, Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain. Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. The horse-leach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give.

There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid. Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness. For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress. There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces. There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; A greyhound;

an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth. Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

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John 1:19-28

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is,

who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, February 22

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32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, * for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly I am your servant.

Morning lessons

Jonah 3:1-4:11

And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days'

journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O LORD,

take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry? So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death. Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more then sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

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Hebrews 12:1-14

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure;

but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

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102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Evening lessons

Amos 5:6-15

Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name: That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. They hate him that rebuketh

in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

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Luke 18:9-14

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers,

or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hastest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen

thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

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Titus 1:1-16

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised

before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things

are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Habakkuk 3:1-18

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the

hiding of his power. Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation? Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers. The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high. The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear. Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah. Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. Thou didst walk through the sea with thine

horses, through the heap of great waters. When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

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John 1:29-34

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and

remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

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Almighty and everlasting God, who hastest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday, February 24

ST. MATTHIAS

Morning psalms

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Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 16:1-13

And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh

on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

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1 John 2:18-25

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went

out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

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Evening psalms

33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

1 Samuel 12:1-5

And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

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Acts 20:17-35

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the coun-

sel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. MATTHIAS

O Almighty God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. MATTHIAS

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 7:17-26

If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out

arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid. Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed. Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible. And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed. And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

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Titus 3:1-15

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychi-

cus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter. Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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Evening psalms

42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
* among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Evening lessons

Ezekiel 39:21-29

And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. According to their

uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid. When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

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John 1:43-51

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses

in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who hastest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, February 26

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt

keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

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1 Corinthians 1:17-31

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the

world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Daniel 9:3-10

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and for-

givenesses, though we have rebelled against him; Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

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Mark 2:18-22

And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble

thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

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Hebrews 2:11-18

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that

through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

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Evening psalms

44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Genesis 37:1-11

And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his

children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

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John 2:1-12

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they con-

tinued there not many days.

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 9:4-12

Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people. Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD. Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you. When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did

eat bread nor drink water: And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

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Hebrews 3:1-11

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built

all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

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Evening psalms

47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round
about her; * count the number of her tow-
ers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Evening lessons

Genesis 37:12-24

And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near

unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

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John 2:13-22

And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and over-

threw the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

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Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant,
* because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that
your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of
old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * be-
cause of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to
me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O
LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * be-
cause I have kept your commandments.

Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I
have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be
merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned
my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.

Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; * instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, * but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me * than thousands in gold and silver.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 9:13-21

Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they. So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD,

to provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, where-with the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also. And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time. And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

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Hebrews 3:12-19

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the

wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

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49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the

lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Genesis 37:25-36

And they sat down to eat bread: and they

lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourn-

ing. Thus his father wept for him. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

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Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of

the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan; Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother’s
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5

Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you. Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the LORD had said he would destroy you. I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through

thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm. At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

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Hebrews 4:1-10

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

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59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my
enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people for-
get; * send them reeling by your might and
put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the
words of their lips, for the cursing and lies
that they utter, * let them be caught in their
pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no
more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in
Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are
not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my
merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Genesis 39:1-23

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. And it came to

pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast

brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

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John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy

God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

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Hebrews 4:11-16

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Genesis 40:1-23

And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward. And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison. And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day? And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you. And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; And in the vine were three branches: and it was

as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head: And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that

he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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John 3:22-36

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison. Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride

is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 11:18-28

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you. Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

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Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

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138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Genesis 41:1-13

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow. And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh

awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh. Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day: Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker: And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

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John 4:1-26

When therefore the LORD knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through

Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy

husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 1:1-10

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all

that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

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1 Corinthians 3:11-23

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which tem-

ple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

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Evening psalms

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a

thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

Evening lessons

Genesis 41:14-45

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well favoured; and they fed

in a meadow: And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; And

the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures

of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

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Mark 3:31-4:9

There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother. And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a

ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 1:11-19

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it. And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north

an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

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Romans 1:1-15

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his

prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much

as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

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64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Genesis 41:46-57

And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city,

laid he up in the same. And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

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John 4:27-42

And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would

tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 2:1-13

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD. Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death,

through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead. For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

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Romans 1:16-25

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:

for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was
the company of women who bore the tid-
ings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away;
* the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheep-
folds, * you shall be like a dove whose
wings are covered with silver, whose feath-
ers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan!
* O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged
mountain, at the hill which God chose for
his resting place? * truly, the LORD will
dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thou-
sand, even thousands of thousands; * the
Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led cap-
tivity captive; you have received gifts even
from your enemies, * that the LORD God
might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Genesis 42:1-17

Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth. And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies. And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one

man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies. And he put them all together into ward three days.

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John 4:43-54

Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of

death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 3:6-18

The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD. And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and

hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

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Romans 1:28-2:11

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to

a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and

honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God.

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Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Evening lessons

Genesis 42:18-28

And Joseph said unto them the third day,
This do, and live; for I fear God: If ye
be true men, let one of your brethren be
bound in the house of your prison: go ye,
carry corn for the famine of your houses:
But bring your youngest brother unto me;
so shall your words be verified, and ye shall
not die. And they did so. And they said
one to another, We are verily guilty con-
cerning our brother, in that we saw the an-
guish of his soul, when he besought us,
and we would not hear; therefore is this
distress come upon us. And Reuben an-
swered them, saying, Spake I not unto you,
saying, Do not sin against the child; and

ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required. And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

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John 5:1-18

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great

multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that

it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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70 Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; * let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, * from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, * my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise * and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, * and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 4:9-28

And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul. At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them. Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. Make

ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart. My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The

whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

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Romans 2:12-24

For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in

darkness, An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

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Evening psalms

74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you
purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed
to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion
where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in
your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
* they set up their banners as tokens of vic-
tory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes
to a grove of trees; * they broke down all
your carved work with hatchets and ham-
mers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they
defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy
them altogether.” * They burned down all
the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is
no prophet left; * there is not one among
us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary

scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adver-
saries, * the unending tumult of those who
rise up against you.

Evening lessons

Genesis 42:29-38

And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, The man, who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies: We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone: And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me. And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

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John 5:19-29

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even

so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 5:1-9

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely. O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou

hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God. I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds. Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased. How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

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Romans 2:25-3:18

For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also

judged as a sinner? And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just. What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, "How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?"

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Genesis 43:1-15

And the famine was sore in the land. And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: But if thou wilt not

send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down? And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time. And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Ben-

jamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved. And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

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John 5:30-47

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you:

for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Saturday, March 11**Morning psalms**

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75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 5:20-31

Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses

full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

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Romans 3:19-31

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For

all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

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23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Genesis 43:16-34

And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon. And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in

our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house, And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there. And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive? And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their

heads, and made obeisance. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another. And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of their's. And they drank, and were merry with him.

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John 7:1-13

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren

therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

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Sunday, March 12

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93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 6:9-15

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grape-gatherer into the baskets. To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace,

peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

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1 Corinthians 6:12-20

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy

Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Genesis 44:1-17

And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing. And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words. And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing: Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die,

and we also will be my lord's bondmen. And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless. Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city. And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found. And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

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Mark 5:1-20

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and

were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

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Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 7:1-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever. Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Be-

hold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD. But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

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Romans 4:1-12

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the

blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

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Evening psalms

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Genesis 44:18-34

Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh. My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. And thou saidst

unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food. And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us. And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons: And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since: And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever. Now therefore, I pray

thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

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John 7:14-36

Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath

day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is. Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done? The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed

among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come?

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 7:21-34

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of

Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have

set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it. And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place. And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

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Romans 4:13-25

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Be-

cause the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

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Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made

me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

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John 7:37-52

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture

hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 8:18-9:6

When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me. Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD. Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders. And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity. Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

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Romans 5:1-11

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed;

because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

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81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!
* that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat * and satisfy him with honey from
the rock.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all

the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Evening lessons

Genesis 45:16-28

And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's. And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, accord-

ing to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way. So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way. And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

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John 8:12-20

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that

followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves *
the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling
dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like
the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and
terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,
* that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for
ever; * let them be put to confusion and
perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name
is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most
High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 10:11-24

Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that
have not made the heavens and the earth,
even they shall perish from the earth, and
from under these heavens. He hath made
the earth by his power, he hath established
the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched
out the heavens by his discretion. When

he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name. Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so. Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it. My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered. Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons. O LORD, I know that the way of man is not

in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

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Romans 5:12-21

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation;

even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Evening psalms

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Evening lessons

Genesis 46:1-34

And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt. And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. And the sons of

Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and She-lah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul. And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padanaram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel. These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin. And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. And the sons of Dan; Hushim. And the sons

of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were seven. All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten. And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive. And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and

also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

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John 8:21-32

Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always

those things that please him. As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, * and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; * I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; * LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? * will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? * your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? * or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; * in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? * why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; * I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; * your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, * and darkness is my only companion.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 11:1-20

The word that came to Jeremiah from the

LORD saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD. Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do: but they did them not. And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers,

which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal. Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble. What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to

anger in offering incense unto Baal. And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou shewedst me their doings. But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

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Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man

is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of

the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the
fool understand, * that though the wicked
grow like weeds, and all the workers of in-
iquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for
ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for
evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your
enemies shall perish, * and all the workers
of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the
horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with
fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
* and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of
the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm
tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of
the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of
our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the
LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no

fault.

Evening lessons

Genesis 47:1-26

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers. They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. And Joseph brought in Jacob his fa-

ther, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou? And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh. And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families. And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph

gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year. When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands. Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the

field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part, except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

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John 8:33-47

They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath

told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be

glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Thus saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my loins. And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock. So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me. And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. Then I went to

Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

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Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over

you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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136 Confitemini

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Genesis 47:27-48:7

And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years. And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head. And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened him-

self, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

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John 8:47-59

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And

I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Sunday, March 19

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132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 “A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Morning lessons

Isaiah 63:7-16

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the

LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they

restrained? Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

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Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph be-

ing raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

2 Chronicles 6:12-17

And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven. And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou

hast spoken unto thy servant David.

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Ephesians 3:14-21

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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ST. JOSEPH

O God, who from the family of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thy incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. JOSEPH

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 16:10-21

And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me: Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine

eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things. O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD.

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Romans 7:1-12

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be

called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

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Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Genesis 49:1-28

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch. Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between

his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon. Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute. Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD. Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last. Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties. Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words. Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who

shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil. All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

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John 6:1-15

After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he

himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

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97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 17:19-27

Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings

of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction. And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD. But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire

in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

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Romans 7:13-25

Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of

my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

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94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

Evening lessons

Genesis 49:29-50:15

And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth. And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people. And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days. And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, My father

made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan. And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren,

and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

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John 6:16-27

And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they

did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:;) When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; * they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word which came to Jeremiah from
the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to

the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

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Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit

that dwelleth in you.

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Evening psalms

Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Genesis 50:15-26

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought

evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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John 6:27-40

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works

of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 22:13-23

Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt thou reign,

because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD. But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed. I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

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Romans 8:12-27

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting

for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, "How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?"

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Exodus 1:6-22

And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and
all that generation. And the children of
Israel were fruitful, and increased abun-
dantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceed-
ing mighty; and the land was filled with
them. Now there arose up a new king over
Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he
said unto his people, Behold, the people of
the children of Israel are more and might-
ier than we: Come on, let us deal wisely

with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour. And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the

midwives come in unto them. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

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John 6:41-51

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

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8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no

more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

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Romans 8:28-39

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who

is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Evening psalms

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1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Evening lessons

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the pres-

ence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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Romans 5:12-21

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all
the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, * and
all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
* and fall like any prince.’ ”

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for
you shall take all nations for your own.

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he
has founded; * the LORD loves the gates
of Zion more than all the dwellings of Ja-
cob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

Morning lessons

Isaiah 52:7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath

made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD. For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.

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Hebrews 2:5-10

For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should

taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

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Evening psalms

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 “I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God’s dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David’s sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 “A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Evening lessons

Wisdom 9:1-12

O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, who hast made all things with thy word, And ordained man through thy wisdom, that he should have dominion over the creatures which thou hast made, And order the world according to equity and righteousness, and execute judgment with an upright heart: Give me wisdom, that sitteth

by thy throne; and reject me not from among thy children: For I thy servant and son of thine handmaid am a feeble person, and of a short time, and too young for the understanding of judgment and laws. For though a man be never so perfect among the children of men, yet if thy wisdom be not with him, he shall be nothing regarded. Thou hast chosen me to be a king of thy people, and a judge of thy sons and daughters: Thou hast commanded me to build a temple upon thy holy mount, and an altar in the city wherein thou dwellest, a resemblance of the holy tabernacle, which thou hast prepared from the beginning. And wisdom was with thee: which knoweth thy works, and was present when thou madest the world, and knew what was acceptable in thy sight, and right in thy commandments. O send her out of thy holy heavens, and from the throne of thy glory, that being present she may labour with me, that I may know what is pleasing unto thee. For she knoweth and understandeth all things, and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me in her power. So shall my works be acceptable, and then shall I judge thy people righteously, and be worthy to sit in my father's seat.

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John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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Sunday, March 26

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 23:16-32

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall

come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word

faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

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1 Corinthians 9:19-27

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

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Evening psalms

145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Exodus 3:16-4:12

Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty. But ev-

ery woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians. And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall come to

pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

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Mark 8:31-9:1

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of

men. And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, "I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 24:1-10

The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar

king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: And I will deliver them to be re-

moved into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

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Romans 9:19-33

Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass,

that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha. What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, “I
am your salvation.”

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, “LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Exodus 4:1-31

And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two

signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs. And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto

my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn. And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision. And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him. And Moses and Aaron went

and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

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John 9:1-17

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had

seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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120 Ad Dominum

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; * I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips * and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, * O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, * along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech * and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live * among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, * but when I speak of it, they are for war.

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let
us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your
gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at
unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise
the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May
they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to 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, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 25:8-17

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Because ye have not heard my words, Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom

I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

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Romans 10:1-13

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the

word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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124 Nisi quia Dominus

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up
alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us * and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone
right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! * he has not given
us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like
Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved,
but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so
does the LORD stand round about his peo-
ple, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

127 Nisi Dominus

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
* their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city,
* in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go
to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread
of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! * he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the
gate.

Evening lessons

Exodus 5:1-6:1

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in,
and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD
God of Israel, Let my people go, that they
may hold a feast unto me in the wilder-
ness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD,

that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens. And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words. And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished. So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. And the taskmasters

hasted them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore? Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD. Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks. And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish ought from your bricks of your daily task. And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, LORD, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to

this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all. Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

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John 9:18-41

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not:

one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which

see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

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Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.

Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, * for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, * for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise
* as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,
* and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.

Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
* search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 25:30-38

Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their

pasture. And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD. He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

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Romans 10:14-21

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel

he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

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128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth," * let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth, * but they have not prevailed
against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has
cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their

sins.

Evening lessons

Exodus 7:8-24

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And

thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river. And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the

LORD had said. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

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John 10:1-18

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any

man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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131 Domine, non est

1 O LORD, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore.

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my

Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

133 Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 26:1-16

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's

house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the

princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears. Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

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Romans 11:1-12

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people

which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

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140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir
up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like
a serpent; * adder's poison is under their
lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked; * protect me from the violent,
who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me
and stretched out a net of cords; * they
have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my
God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplica-
tion.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salva-
tion, * you have covered my head in the
day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O
LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up
their heads; * let the evil of their lips over-
whelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise

up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those

who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Evening lessons

Exodus 7:25-8:19

And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river. And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs: And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants. And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon

the land of Egypt. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD. And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hardened not unto them; as the LORD had said. And the LORD said unto Moses, Say

unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

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John 10:19-42

There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you,

and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first

baptized; and there he abode. And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. And many believed on him there.

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22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 29:1-13

Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city whither

I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

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Romans 11:13-24

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconcil-

ing of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

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141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they
have laid for me * and from the traps of
the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
* while I myself escape.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,
* for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for
you are my God; * let your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's
sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring
me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly
I am your servant.

Evening lessons

Exodus 9:13-35

And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. As yet exaltest thou thyself

against my people, that thou wilt not let them go? Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Is-

rael were, was there no hail. And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer. And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD's. But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God. And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled. But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up. And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

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John 11:1-27

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto

them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *

and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, * no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! * happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over

them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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Romans 11:25-36

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

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Evening psalms

42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiv-
ing, * among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jor-
dan, and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Evening lessons

Exodus 10:21-11:8

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your

herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither. But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die. And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more. And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether. Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver and jewels of gold. And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even

unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

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John 11:28-44

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him,

she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him

go.

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

Zechariah 12:9-13:9

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei

apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass,

that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

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1 Timothy 6:12-16

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Zechariah 9:9-17

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall

drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

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Matthew 21:12-17

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings

thou hast perfected praise? And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everliving God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday, April 3

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

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Morning psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 12:1-16

Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins. But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end. If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee. I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it. Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour. Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart. The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace. They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The

LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

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Philippians 3:1-14

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which

is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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Evening psalms

69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Evening lessons

Lamentations 1:1-12

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treach-

erously with her, they are become her enemies. Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer. Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths. Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward. Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself. The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things:

for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation. All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

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John 12:9-19

Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it

is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday, April 4

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

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Morning psalms

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak;
* heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long,
O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save
me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; *
and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed and flood my
couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn
away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the
LORD has heard the sound of my weep-
ing.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication;
* the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded
and quake with fear; * they shall turn back
and suddenly be put to shame.

12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 15:10-21

Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me. The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel? Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you. O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether

unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail? Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

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Philippians 3:15-21

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose

God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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Evening psalms

94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

Evening lessons

Lamentations 1:17-22

Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them. The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity. I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls. Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death. They have heard that I sigh: there is none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me. Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

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John 12:20-26

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, by the passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, April 5

SPY WEDNESDAY

Morning psalms

BCP office lectionary

BCP monthly cycle

Alternative monthly cycle

Morning lessons

Evening psalms

BCP office lectionary

BCP monthly cycle

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Evening lessons

Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 17:5-17

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the wa-

ters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee. Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.

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Philippians 4:1-13

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak

in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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Evening psalms

74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you
purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed
to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion
where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in
your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
* they set up their banners as tokens of vic-
tory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes
to a grove of trees; * they broke down all
your carved work with hatchets and ham-
mers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they
defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy
them altogether.” * They burned down all
the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is
no prophet left; * there is not one among
us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary

scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adver-
saries, * the unending tumult of those who
rise up against you.

Evening lessons

Lamentations 2:1-9

How hath the LORD covered the daugh-
ter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and
cast down from heaven unto the earth the
beauty of Israel, and remembered not his
footstool in the day of his anger! The LORD
hath swallowed up all the habitations of
Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown
down in his wrath the strong holds of the
daughter of Judah; he hath brought them
down to the ground: he hath polluted the
kingdom and the princes thereof. He hath
cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of
Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand
from before the enemy, and he burned against
Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth
round about. He hath bent his bow like an
enemy: he stood with his right hand as an
adversary, and slew all that were pleasant

to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire. The LORD was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. The LORD hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast. The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

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John 12:27-36

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

SPY WEDNESDAY

O Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Give us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

SPY WEDNESDAY

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, April 6

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning psalms

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Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 20:7-11

O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; be-

cause the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

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1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32

Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this

bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

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Evening psalms

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, * for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring

me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly I am your servant.

Evening lessons

Lamentations 2:10-18

The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city. They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom. What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee? Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens

and causes of banishment. All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth? All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries. Their heart cried unto the LORD, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

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John 17:1-26

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might

know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them,

because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday, April 7

GOOD FRIDAY

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Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Morning lessons

Genesis 22:1-14

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but

where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

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1 Peter 1:10-20

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto

you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

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40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Evening lessons

Lamentations 3:1-33

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by

the rod of his wrath. He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light. Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day. My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail. He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old. He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy. Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked. He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places. He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day. He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mer-

cies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke of his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. For the LORD will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

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John 19:38-42

And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came

also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, April 8

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88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, * and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; * I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; * LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? * will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? * your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? * or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; * in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? * why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; * I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; * your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, * and darkness is my only companion.

Morning lessons

Job 19:21-27

Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O

ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

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Hebrews 4:1-16

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh

day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that

we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the
strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up
my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my
adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against
me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against
me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
* and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep
me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me
in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above
my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an
oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Lamentations 3:37-58

Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good? Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned. Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through. Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people. All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction. Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission. Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven. Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city. Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off. I called

upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon. Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry. Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not. O LORD, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

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Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But

ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER EVE

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER EVE

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 9

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Exodus 12:1-14

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man

a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you

for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

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Luke 24:13-35

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of

Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

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113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 51:9-11

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow

and mourning shall flee away.

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John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as

of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER SUNDAY

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER SUNDAY

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resur-

rection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday, April 10

EASTER MONDAY

Morning psalms

BCP office lectionary

BCP monthly cycle

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Morning lessons

Evening psalms

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Evening lessons

Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Jonah 2:1-9

Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the

midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

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Acts 2:14-32

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to

pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see cor-

ruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

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Evening psalms

66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

Evening lessons

Exodus 12:14-27

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye

shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

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John 14:1-14

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's

house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my

name, I will do it.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER MONDAY

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER MONDAY

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Tuesday, April 11

EASTER TUESDAY

Morning psalms

BCP office lectionary

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Morning lessons

Evening psalms

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Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 30:18-21

And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

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Acts 2:36-47

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord

and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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Evening psalms

111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Evening lessons

Exodus 12:28-39

And the children of Israel went away, and

did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, be-

side children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

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John 14:15-31

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt

manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER TUESDAY

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER TUESDAY

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, April 12

EASTER WEDNESDAY

Morning psalms

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Evening psalms

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Morning psalms

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
* for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Morning lessons

Micah 7:7-15

Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed. In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them

that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings. Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.

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Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and en-

tered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

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Evening psalms

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * “Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S, * but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, * nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 12:40-51

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for

bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations. And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

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John 15:1-11

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER WEDNESDAY

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER WEDNESDAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thursday, April 13

EASTER THURSDAY

Morning psalms

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Morning psalms

146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that

they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

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Acts 3:11-26

And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us,

as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto

you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

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Evening psalms

148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 13:3-10

And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month Abib. And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And

it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

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John 15:12-27

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world,

but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER THURSDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER THURSDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday, April 14

EASTER FRIDAY

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136 Confitemini

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

Daniel 12:1-13

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these

wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

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Acts 4:1-12

And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sad-

ducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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Evening psalms

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Exodus 13:1-16

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine. And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leav-

ened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month Abib. And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year. And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD's. And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then

thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem. And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem. And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

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John 16:1-15

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I

told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER FRIDAY

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER FRIDAY

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Saturday, April 15

EASTER SATURDAY

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Morning psalms

145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low. And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the re-

buke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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Acts 4:13-31

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether

it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done. For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And

when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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Evening psalms

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 13:17-14:4

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones

away hence with you. And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

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John 16:16-33

A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while,

and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth

you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EASTER SATURDAY

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for that thou hast delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and hast brought us into the kingdom of thy Son; and we pray that, as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to joys eternal; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EASTER SATURDAY

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday, April 16

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146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

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1 Peter 2:2-10

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gra-

cious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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Evening psalms

111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Exodus 14:5-22

And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve

the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east

wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

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John 14:1-7

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *

how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people * who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; * surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your blessing be upon your people!

Morning lessons

Daniel 1:1-21

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged

it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of

the eunuchs. And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before

the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

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1 John 1:1-10

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his

Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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Evening psalms

4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

* save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces * and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: * if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, * trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, * and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; * for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Evening lessons

Exodus 14:21-31

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go

back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right

hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

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John 17:1-11

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them

the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; * I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; * you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; * heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; * and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; * the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Morning lessons

Daniel 2:1-16

And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The king answered and

said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it. The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain;

and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

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1 John 2:1-11

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an

old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

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Evening psalms

10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD,
* and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
* but they are trapped in the schemes they
have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled

before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Evening lessons

Exodus 15:1-21

Then sang Moses and the children of Is-

rael this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased. Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established. The LORD shall reign for ever and ever. For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

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John 17:12-19

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

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Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let
me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, * that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and they are my counselors.

Morning lessons

Daniel 2:17-30

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known

unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter. Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation

to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

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1 John 2:12-17

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does

good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Exodus 15:22-16:10

So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into

the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee. And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters. And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it

shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD. And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings. And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

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John 17:20-26

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them

also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies
and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

Daniel 2:31-49

Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them

all. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof

sure. Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

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1 John 2:18-29

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you be-

cause ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

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Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Exodus 16:10-22

And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God. And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had

nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

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Luke 3:1-14

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, say-

ing, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

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16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide

me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Morning lessons

Daniel 3:1-18

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut,

psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye

shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

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1 John 3:1-10

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in

him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

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134 Ecce nunc

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, * you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

135 Laudate nomen

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; * give praise, you servants of the LORD.

2 You 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 good; * sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself * and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, * in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; * he sends out lightning with the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, * the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, * against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations * and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, * and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, * an inheritance for Israel his people.

13 O LORD, your Name is everlasting; * your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

14 For the LORD gives his people justice * and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; * neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; * O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 16:22-35

And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said

unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day. And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

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Luke 3:15-22

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people. But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

Daniel 3:19-30

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

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1 John 3:11-18

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in

deed and in truth.

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Evening psalms

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 17:1-16

And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched

in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD? And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not? Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and

Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

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Luke 4:1-13

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the

devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
* for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Daniel 4:1-18

Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom

is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace: I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof. But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my God, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying, O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and

all flesh was fed of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

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1 Peter 4:7-11

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Evening psalms

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 18:1-12

When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt; Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land: And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh: And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God: And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her. And Moses went out to meet

his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

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John 21:15-25

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.

He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and

wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday, April 24**Morning psalms**

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25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

Daniel 4:19-27

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times

pass over him; This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

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1 John 3:19-4:6

And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and

do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

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9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Exodus 18:13-27

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God: When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws. And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that ev-

ery great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

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Luke 4:14-30

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him

the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the

Syrian. And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

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O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Tuesday, April 25

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145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11

My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end. Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully, and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate. For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. Believe in him, and he will help thee; order thy way aright, and trust in him. Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and go not aside, lest ye fall. Ye that fear the Lord, believe him; and your reward shall not fail. Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy. Look at the generations of old, and see; did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise, that called upon him? For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, longsuffering, and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction.

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Acts 12:25-13:3

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

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Evening psalms

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let
all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let
all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
* may God, our own God, give us his bless-
ing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may
all the ends of the earth stand in awe of
him.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to
the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
* proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be
praised; * he is more to be feared than all
gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they
are but idols; * but it is the LORD who
made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! * Oh, the power and the splen-
dor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of
the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor
and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his
Name; * bring offerings and come into his
courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of ho-
liness; * let the whole earth tremble before
him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD
is King! * he has made the world so firm
that it cannot be moved; he will judge the
peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth
be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is
in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is
therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout

for joy before the LORD when he comes,
* when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 62:6-12

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; be-

hold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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2 Timothy 4:1-11

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that

love his appearing. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

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Almighty God, who by the hand of Mark the evangelist hast given to thy Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank thee for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. MARK

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back
from my affliction; * my neighbors stand
afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

Morning lessons

Daniel 5:1-12

Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished. Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpreta-

tion.

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1 John 5:1-12

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the

witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings
* and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which
I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your com-
mandments, * and I will meditate on your
statutes.

Evening lessons

Exodus 19:16-25

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called

Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them. So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

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Luke 4:38-44

And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and

he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them. And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thursday, April 27**Morning psalms**

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37

Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

Daniel 5:13-30

Then was Daniel brought in before the king.
And the king spake and said unto Daniel,

Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing: And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his

glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler

in the kingdom. In that night was Bels-hazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

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1 John 5:13-21

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal

life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Exodus 20:1-21

And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God,

visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they re-

moved, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

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Luke 5:1-11

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beck-

oned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

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105

Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Morning lessons

Daniel 6:1-15

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it

be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king es-

tablsheth may be changed.

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2 John 1:1-13

The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he

hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that bid-deth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Exodus 24:1-18

And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which

the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words. Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink. And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

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Luke 5:12-26

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the mul-

titude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

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30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Morning lessons

Daniel 6:16-28

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords;

that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree,

That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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3 John 1:1-14

The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth,

taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true. I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

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42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
* among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Evening lessons

Exodus 25:1-22

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, Onyx stones, and stones to be set

in the ephod, and in the breastplate. And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the

cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

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Luke 5:27-39

And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink? And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 1:1-15

Love righteousness, ye that be judges of the earth: think of the Lord with a good (heart,) and in simplicity of heart seek him. For he will be found of them that tempt him not; and sheweth himself unto such as do not distrust him. For froward thoughts separate from God: and his power, when it is tried, reproveth the unwise. For into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject unto sin. For the holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and will not abide when unrighteousness cometh in. For wisdom is a loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. For the Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Therefore he that speaketh unrighteous things cannot be hid: neither shall vengeance, when it punisheth, pass by him. For inquisition shall be made into

the counsels of the ungodly: and the sound of his words shall come unto the Lord for the manifestation of his wicked deeds. For the ear of jealousy heareth all things: and the noise of murmurings is not hid. Therefore beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret, that shall go for nought: and the mouth that beliieth slayeth the soul. Seek not death in the error of your life: and pull not upon yourselves destruction with the works of your hands. For God made not death: neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living. For he created all things, that they might have their being: and the generations of the world were healthful; and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor the kingdom of death upon the earth: (For righteousness is immortal:)

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1 Peter 5:1-11

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords

over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Exodus 25:23-38

Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table. And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them. And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them. And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me alway. And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. And six branches shall come out of the

sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. And in the candlesticks shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold. And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

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Matthew 7:15-29

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of

thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he

taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday, May 1

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8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD

are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Morning lessons

Job 23:1-12

Then Job answered and said, Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me. There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

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John 1:43-51

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And

Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

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Evening psalms

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Proverbs 4:7-18

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. For they

sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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John 12:20-26

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Morning lessons

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

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Colossians 1:15-23

Who is the image of the invisible God, the

firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

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47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round
about her; * count the number of her tow-
ers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Evening lessons

Exodus 32:21-34

And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf. And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together

unto him. And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

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Luke 6:12-26

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil,

for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

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Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant,
* because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that
your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of
old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * be-
cause of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to
me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O
LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * be-
cause I have kept your commandments.

Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I
have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be
merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned
my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.

Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; * instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, * but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me * than thousands in gold and silver.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 4:16-5:8

Thus the righteous that is dead shall condemn the ungodly which are living; and youth that is soon perfected the many years and old age of the unrighteous. For they shall see the end of the wise, and shall not understand what God in his counsel hath decreed of him, and to what end the Lord hath set him in safety. They shall see him, and despise him; but God shall laugh them to scorn: and they shall hereafter be a vile carcase, and a reproach among the dead for evermore. For he shall rend them, and cast them down headlong, that they shall be speechless; and he shall shake them from the foundation; and they shall be utterly laid waste, and be in sorrow; and their memorial shall perish. And when they cast up the accounts of their sins, they shall come with fear: and their own iniquities shall convince them to their face. Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness

before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours. When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, This was he, whom we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach: We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour: How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints! Therefore have we erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness hath not shined unto us, and the sun of righteousness rose not upon us. We wearied ourselves in the way of wickedness and destruction: yea, we have gone through deserts, where there lay no way: but as for the way of the Lord, we have not known it. What hath pride profited us? or what good hath riches with our vaunting brought us?

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Colossians 1:24-2:7

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispen-

sation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the

lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Exodus 33:1-23

And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart,

and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way. And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb. And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. And it came

to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

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Luke 6:27-38

But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should

do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

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50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother’s
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Morning lessons

Wisdom 5:9-23

All those things are passed away like a shadow, and as a post that hasted by; And as a ship that passeth over the waves of the water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the pathway of the keel in the waves; Or as when a bird hath flown through the air, there is no token of her way to be found, but the light air being beaten with the stroke of her wings and parted with the violent noise and motion of them, is passed through, and therein afterwards no sign where she went is to be found; Or like as when an arrow is shot at a mark, it parteth the air, which immedi-

ately cometh together again, so that a man cannot know where it went through: Even so we in like manner, as soon as we were born, began to draw to our end, and had no sign of virtue to shew; but were consumed in our own wickedness. For the hope of the Godly is like dust that is blown away with the wind; like a thin froth that is driven away with the storm; like as the smoke which is dispersed here and there with a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a day. But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them. He shall take to him his jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature his weapon for the revenge of his enemies. He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgment instead of an helmet. He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with him against the unwise. Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark. And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast as out of a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them.

Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away: thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty.

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Colossians 2:8-23

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing

over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

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Evening psalms

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my
enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people for-
get; * send them reeling by your might and
put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the
words of their lips, for the cursing and lies
that they utter, * let them be caught in their
pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no
more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in
Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are
not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my
merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Exodus 34:1-17

And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,

and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O LORD, let my LORD, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance. And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take

of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

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Luke 6:39-49

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is

evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 6:12-23

Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away:

yea, she is easily seen of them that love her, and found of such as seek her. She preventeth them that desire her, in making herself first known unto them. Whoso seeketh her early shall have no great travail: for he shall find her sitting at his doors. To think therefore upon her is perfection of wisdom: and whoso watcheth for her shall quickly be without care. For she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, sheweth herself favourably unto them in the ways, and meeteth them in every thought. For the very true beginning of her is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love; And love is the keeping of her laws; and the giving heed unto her laws is the assurance of incorruption; And incorruption maketh us near unto God: Therefore the desire of wisdom bringeth to a kingdom. If your delight be then in thrones and sceptres, O ye kings of the people, honour wisdom, that ye may reign for evermore. As for wisdom, what she is, and how she came up, I will tell you, and will not hide mysteries from you: but will seek her out from the beginning of her nativity, and bring the knowledge of her into light, and will not pass over the truth. Neither will I go with consuming envy; for such a man shall have no fellowship with wisdom.

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Colossians 3:1-11

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Exodus 34:18-35

The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty. Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt not see the kid in his mother's milk. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he

went in to speak with him.

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Luke 7:1-17

Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto

the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick. And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 7:1-14

I myself also am a mortal man, like to all, and the offspring of him that was first made of the earth, And in my mother's womb was fashioned to be flesh in the time of ten months, being compacted in blood, of the seed of man, and the pleasure that came with sleep. And when I was born, I drew in the common air, and fell upon the earth, which is of like nature, and the first voice which I uttered was crying, as all others

do. I was nursed in swaddling clothes, and that with cares. For there is no king that had any other beginning of birth. For all men have one entrance into life, and the like going out. Wherefore I prayed, and understanding was given me: I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her before sceptres and thrones, and esteemed riches nothing in comparison of her. Neither compared I unto her any precious stone, because all gold in respect of her is as a little sand, and silver shall be counted as clay before her. I loved her above health and beauty, and chose to have her instead of light: for the light that cometh from her never goeth out. All good things together came to me with her, and innumerable riches in her hands. And I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom goeth before them: and I knew not that she was the mother of them. I learned diligently, and do communicate her liberally: I do not hide her riches. For she is a treasure unto men that never faileth: which they that use become the friends of God, being commended for the gifts that come from learning.

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Colossians 3:12-17

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Exodus 40:18-38

And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars. And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail. And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded

Moses. And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the veil: And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle. And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal. And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their jour-

neys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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Luke 7:18-35

And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things. And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went

ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him. And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like? They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept. For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! But wisdom is justified of all her children.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 7:22-8:1

For wisdom, which is the worker of all things, taught me: for in her is an understanding spirit holy, one only, manifold, subtil, lively, clear, undefiled, plain, not subject to hurt, loving the thing that is good quick, which cannot be letted, ready to do good, Kind to man, steadfast, sure, free from care, having all power, overseeing all things, and going through all understanding, pure, and most subtil, spirits. For wisdom is more moving than any motion: she passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her pureness. For she is the breath of the power of God, and a pure influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty: therefore can no defiled thing fall into her. For she is the brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror of the power of God, and the image of his goodness.

And being but one, she can do all things: and remaining in herself, she maketh all things new: and in all ages entering into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God, and prophets. For God loveth none but him that dwelleth with wisdom. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and above all the order of stars: being compared with the light, she is found before it. For after this cometh night: but vice shall not prevail against wisdom. Wisdom reacheth from one end to another mightily: and sweetly doth she order all things.

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2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and

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8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a

thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

Evening lessons

Leviticus 8:1-36

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done. And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. And he put upon

him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forehead, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses. And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them. And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering. And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it. And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their

fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar. But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. And he killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat. And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savour, and an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder: And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he

took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder: And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD. And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt offering: they were consecrations for a sweet savour: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses. And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire. And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you. As he hath done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to do,

to make an atonement for you. Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded. So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

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Matthew 7:7-14

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life,

and few there be that find it.

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O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Morning lessons

Wisdom 9:1-18

O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy,
who hast made all things with thy word,
And ordained man through thy wisdom,
that he should have dominion over the creatures which thou hast made, And order the world according to equity and righteousness, and execute judgment with an upright heart: Give me wisdom, that sitteth by thy throne; and reject me not from among thy children: For I thy servant and son of

thine handmaid am a feeble person, and of a short time, and too young for the understanding of judgment and laws. For though a man be never so perfect among the children of men, yet if thy wisdom be not with him, he shall be nothing regarded. Thou hast chosen me to be a king of thy people, and a judge of thy sons and daughters: Thou hast commanded me to build a temple upon thy holy mount, and an altar in the city wherein thou dwellest, a resemblance of the holy tabernacle, which thou hast prepared from the beginning. And wisdom was with thee: which knoweth thy works, and was present when thou madest the world, and knew what was acceptable in thy sight, and right in thy commandments. O send her out of thy holy heavens, and from the throne of thy glory, that being present she may labour with me, that I may know what is pleasing unto thee. For she knoweth and understandeth all things, and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me in her power. So shall my works be acceptable, and then shall I judge thy people righteously, and be worthy to sit in my father's seat. For what man is he that can know the counsel of God? or who can think what the will of the Lord is? For the thoughts of mortal men are miserable, and our devices are but uncertain. For the corruptible body presseth down the soul, and the earthy tabernacle weigheth down the mind that museth

upon many things. And hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth, and with labour do we find the things that are before us: but the things that are in heaven who hath searched out? And thy counsel who hath known, except thou give wisdom, and send thy Holy Spirit from above? For so the ways of them which lived on the earth were reformed, and men were taught the things that are pleasing unto thee, and were saved through wisdom.

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Colossians 3:18-4:18

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of

persons. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;) And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him

record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

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64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 16:1-19

And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a

young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on. And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet in-

cense beaten small, and bring it within the vail: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his

finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

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Luke 7:36-50

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I sup-

pose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

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O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 10:1-21

She preserved the first formed father of the world, that was created alone, and brought him out of his fall, And gave him power to rule all things. But when the unrighteous went away from her in his anger, he perished also in the fury wherewith he murdered his brother. For whose cause the earth being drowned with the flood, wisdom again preserved it, and directed the course of the righteous in a piece of wood of small value. Moreover, the nations in their wicked conspiracy being confounded, she found out the righteous, and preserved him blameless unto God, and kept him strong against his tender compassion toward his son. When the ungodly perished, she delivered the righteous man, who fled from the fire which fell down upon the five cities. Of whose wickedness even to this day the waste land that smoketh is a testimony, and plants bearing fruit that never come to ripeness:

and a standing pillar of salt is a monument of an unbelieving soul. For regarding not wisdom, they gat not only this hurt, that they knew not the things which were good; but also left behind them to the world a memorial of their foolishness: so that in the things wherein they offended they could not so much as be hid. Rut wisdom delivered from pain those that attended upon her. When the righteous fled from his brother's wrath she guided him in right paths, shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him knowledge of holy things, made him rich in his travels, and multiplied the fruit of his labours. In the covetousness of such as oppressed him she stood by him, and made him rich. She defended him from his enemies, and kept him safe from those that lay in wait, and in a sore conflict she gave him the victory; that he might know that goodness is stronger than all. When the righteous was sold, she forsook him not, but delivered him from sin: she went down with him into the pit, And left him not in bonds, till she brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and power against those that oppressed him: as for them that had accused him, she shewed them to be liars, and gave him perpetual glory. She delivered the righteous people and blameless seed from the nation that oppressed them. She entered into the soul of the servant of the Lord, and withstood dreadful kings in wonders and signs; Rendered to the righ-

teous a reward of their labours, guided them in a marvellous way, and was unto them for a cover by day, and a light of stars in the night season; Brought them through the Red sea, and led them through much water: But she drowned their enemies, and cast them up out of the bottom of the deep. Therefore the righteous spoiled the ungodly, and praised thy holy name, O Lord, and magnified with one accord thine hand, that fought for them. For wisdom opened the mouth of the dumb, and made the tongues of them that cannot speak eloquent.

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Romans 12:1-21

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members

in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine;

I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was
the company of women who bore the tid-
ings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away;
* the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheep-
folds, * you shall be like a dove whose
wings are covered with silver, whose feath-
ers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan!
* O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged
mountain, at the hill which God chose for
his resting place? * truly, the LORD will
dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thou-
sand, even thousands of thousands; * the
Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led cap-
tivity captive; you have received gifts even
from your enemies, * that the LORD God
might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Leviticus 16:20-34

And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar. And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. And he that burneth them shall

wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever. And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments: And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

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Luke 8:1-15

And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the

word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 13:1-9

Surely vain are all men by nature, who are ignorant of God, and could not out of the good things that are seen know him that is: neither by considering the works did they acknowledge the workmaster; But deemed either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circle of the stars, or the violent water, or the lights of heaven, to be the gods which govern the world. With whose beauty if they being delighted took them to be gods; let them know how much better the Lord of them is: for the first author of beauty hath created them. But if they were astonished at their power and virtue, let them understand by them, how much mightier he is that made them. For by the greatness and beauty of the creatures proportionably the maker of them is seen. But yet for this they are the less to be blamed: for they peradventure err, seeking God, and desirous to find him. For being conversant in his works they search him diligently, and believe their sight: because the things are beautiful that are seen. Howbeit neither are they to be pardoned. For if they were able to know so much, that they could aim at the world; how did they not sooner find out the Lord thereof?

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Romans 13:1-14

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt

love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

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Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 19:1-18

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God. And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will. It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire. And if it be eaten at all on the third

day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted. Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the LORD. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

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Luke 8:16-25

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it. Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. But as they sailed he fell asleep:

and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

70 Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; * let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, * from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, * my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise * and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, * and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 14:27-15:3

For the worshipping of idols not to be named is the beginning, the cause, and the end, of all evil. For either they are mad when they be merry, or prophesy lies, or live unjustly, or else lightly forswear themselves. For insomuch as their trust is in idols, which have no life; though they swear falsely, yet they look not to be hurt. Howbeit for both causes shall they be justly punished: both because they thought not well of God, giving heed unto idols, and also unjustly swore in deceit, despising holiness. For it is not the power of them by whom they swear: but it is the just vengeance of sinners, that punisheth always the offence of the ungodly. But thou, O God, art gracious and true, longsuffering, and in mercy ordering all things, For if we sin, we are thine, knowing thy power: but we will not sin, knowing that we are counted thine. For to know thee is perfect righteousness: yea, to know thy power is the root of immortality.

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Romans 14:1-12

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?

for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

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Evening psalms

74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you
purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed
to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion
where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in
your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
* they set up their banners as tokens of vic-
tory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes
to a grove of trees; * they broke down all
your carved work with hatchets and ham-
mers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they
defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy
them altogether.” * They burned down all
the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is
no prophet left; * there is not one among
us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary

scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, *
the unending tumult of those who
rise up against you.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 19:26-37

Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood:
neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times. Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD. Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God. Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD. And if a stranger

sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

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Luke 8:26-39

And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in

fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way,

and published throughout the whole city
how great things Jesus had done unto him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried
up, * and he led them through the deep as
through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 16:15-17:1

But it is not possible to escape thine hand.
For the ungodly, that denied to know thee,

were scourged by the strength of thine arm: with strange rains, hails, and showers, were they persecuted, that they could not avoid, and through fire were they consumed. For, which is most to be wondered at, the fire had more force in the water, that quencheth all things: for the world fighteth for the righteous. For sometime the flame was mitigated, that it might not burn up the beasts that were sent against the ungodly; but themselves might see and perceive that they were persecuted with the judgment of God. And at another time it burneth even in the midst of water above the power of fire, that it might destroy the fruits of an unjust land. Instead whereof thou feddest thine own people with angels' food, and didst send them from heaven bread prepared without their labour, able to content every man's delight, and agreeing to every taste. For thy sustenance declared thy sweetness unto thy children, and serving to the appetite of the eater, tempered itself to every man's liking. But snow and ice endured the fire, and melted not, that they might know that fire burning in the hail, and sparkling in the rain, did destroy the fruits of the enemies. But this again did even forget his own strength, that the righteous might be nourished. For the creature that serveth thee, who art the Maker increaseth his strength against the unrighteous for their punishment, and abateth his strength for the benefit of such as put their

trust in thee. Therefore even then was it altered into all fashions, and was obedient to thy grace, that nourisheth all things, according to the desire of them that had need: That thy children, O Lord, whom thou lovest, might know, that it is not the growing of fruits that nourisheth man: but that it is thy word, which preserveth them that put their trust in thee. For that which was not destroyed of the fire, being warmed with a little sunbeam, soon melted away: That it might be known, that we must prevent the sun to give thee thanks, and at the dayspring pray unto thee. For the hope of the unthankful shall melt away as the winter's hoar frost, and shall run away as unprofitable water. For great are thy judgments, and cannot be expressed: therefore unnurtured souls have erred.

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Romans 14:13-23

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not char-

itably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,
* and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled

over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, * when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them * and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, * that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; * and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Leviticus 23:1-22

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say

unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of

fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD. And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. And ye shall pro-

claim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

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Luke 8:40-56

And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him. And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who

touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

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O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Morning lessons

Wisdom 19:1-22

As for the ungodly, wrath came upon them without mercy unto the end: for he knew before what they would do; How that having given them leave to depart, and sent them hastily away, they would repent and pursue them. For whilst they were yet mourning and making lamentation at the graves of the dead, they added another foolish device, and pursued them as fugitives, whom they had intreated to be gone. For the destiny, whereof they were worthy, drew them unto this end, and made them forget the things that had already happened, that they might fulfil the punishment which was wanting to their torments: And that thy people might pass a wonderful way: but they might find a strange death. For the whole creature in his proper kind was fashioned again anew, serving the peculiar commandments that were given unto them, that thy children might be kept without hurt: As namely, a cloud shadowing the camp; and where water stood before, dry land appeared; and out of the Red sea a way without im-

pediment; and out of the violent stream a green field: Wherethrough all the people went that were defended with thy hand, seeing thy marvellous strange wonders. For they went at large like horses, and leaped like lambs, praising thee, O Lord, who hadst delivered them. For they were yet mindful of the things that were done while they sojourned in the strange land, how the ground brought forth flies instead of cattle, and how the river cast up a multitude of frogs instead of fishes. But afterwards they saw a new generation of fowls, when, being led with their appetite, they asked delicate meats. For quails came up unto them from the sea for their contentment. And punishments came upon the sinners not without former signs by the force of thunders: for they suffered justly according to their own wickedness, insomuch as they used a more hard and hateful behaviour toward strangers. For the Sodomites did not receive those, whom they knew not when they came: but these brought friends into bondage, that had well deserved of them. And not only so, but peradventure some respect shall be had of those, because they used strangers not friendly: But these very grievously afflicted them, whom they had received with feastings, and were already made partakers of the same laws with them. Therefore even with blindness were these stricken, as those were at the doors of the righteous man: when, being compassed

about with horrible great darkness, every one sought the passage of his own doors. For the elements were changed in themselves by a kind of harmony, like as in a psaltery notes change the name of the tune, and yet are always sounds; which may well be perceived by the sight of the things that have been done. For earthly things were turned into watery, and the things, that before swam in the water, now went upon the ground. The fire had power in the water, forgetting his own virtue: and the water forgot his own quenching nature. On the other side, the flames wasted not the flesh of the corruptible living things, though they walked therein; neither melted they the icy kind of heavenly meat that was of nature apt to melt. For in all things, O Lord, thou didst magnify thy people, and glorify them, neither didst thou lightly regard them: but didst assist them in every time and place.

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Romans 15:1-13

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that re-

proached thee fell on me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 23:23-44

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth

day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein. These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer

an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day: Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

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Luke 9:1-17

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where. Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him. And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing. And when the day began to wear away, then came the

twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. And they did so, and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, May 14

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93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 43:27-32

The pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious shew; The sun when it appeareth, declaring at his rising a marvellous instrument, the work of the most High: At noon it parcheth the country, and who can abide the burning heat thereof? A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat, but the sun burneth the mountains three times more; breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes. Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment runneth hastily. He made the moon also to serve in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world. From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection. The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven; The beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord. At the commandment of the

Holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches. Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof. It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the most High have bended it. We may speak much, and yet come short: wherefore in sum, he is all. How shall we be able to magnify him? for he is great above all his works. The Lord is terrible and very great, and marvellous is his power. When ye glorify the Lord, exalt him as much as ye can; for even yet will he far exceed: and when ye exalt him, put forth all your strength, and be not weary; for ye can never go far enough. Who hath seen him, that he might tell us? and who can magnify him as he is? There are yet hid greater things than these be, for we have seen but a few of his works.

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1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, jus-

tified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 25:1-17

And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land. And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee. And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat. And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on

the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession. And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

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Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven

is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; A land wherein

thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

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James 1:1-15

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is

no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

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Evening psalms

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 25:35-55

And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be

your God. And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant: But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile. And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God. Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession. And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour. And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: After that he is sold he may be re-

deemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself. And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, and his children with him. For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

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Luke 9:18-27

And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God. And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing; Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy

God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your

God.

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James 1:16-27

Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to

be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

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Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Leviticus 26:1-20

Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. For I will

have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new. And I set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright. But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither

shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

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Luke 11:1-13

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it

shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

Baruch 3:24-37

O Israel, how great is the house of God! and how large is the place of his possession! Great, and hath none end; high, and unmeasurable. There were the giants famous from the beginning, that were of so great stature, and so expert in war. Those did not the Lord choose, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them: But they were destroyed, because they had no wisdom, and perished through their own foolishness. Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds? Who hath gone over the sea, and found her, and will bring her for pure gold? No man knoweth her way, nor thinketh of her path. But he that knoweth all things knoweth her, and hath found her out with his understanding: he that prepared

the earth for evermore hath filled it with fourfooted beasts: He that sendeth forth light, and it goeth, calleth it again, and it obeyeth him with fear. The stars shined in their watches, and rejoiced: when he calleth them, they say, Here we be; and so with cheerfulness they shewed light unto him that made them. This is our God, and there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of him He hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath given it unto Jacob his servant, and to Israel his beloved. Afterward did he shew himself upon earth, and conversed with men.

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James 5:13-18

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions

as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was
the company of women who bore the tid-
ings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away;
* the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheep-
folds, * you shall be like a dove whose
wings are covered with silver, whose feath-
ers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan!
* O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged
mountain, at the hill which God chose for
his resting place? * truly, the LORD will
dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thou-
sand, even thousands of thousands; * the
Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led cap-
tivity captive; you have received gifts even
from your enemies, * that the LORD God
might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Leviticus 26:27-42

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your

enemies. And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

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Luke 12:22-31

And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much

more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 1:14-28

And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went. As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four. And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crys-

tal, stretched forth over their heads above. And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies. And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

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Hebrews 2:5-18

For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Foras-

much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before

him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Evening lessons

Daniel 7:9-14

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

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Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 1:28-3:3

As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake. And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions.

ons: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

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Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our in-

firmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

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1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of

the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the
fool understand, * that though the wicked
grow like weeds, and all the workers of in-
iquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for
ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for
evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your
enemies shall perish, * and all the workers
of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the
horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with
fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
* and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of
the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm
tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of
the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of
our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the
LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no

fault.

Evening lessons

1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the

earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

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Luke 9:28-36

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee,

and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be

glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 3:4-17

And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against

their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place. I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

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Hebrews 5:7-14

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Numbers 11:16-29

And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him,

saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not. And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would

God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

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Luke 9:37-50

And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples, Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. But they understood not this saying, and it was hid

from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying. Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great. And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 3:16-27

And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to

save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee. Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house. But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they

are a rebellious house. But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbearth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

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Ephesians 2:1-10

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:

it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very
present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth be moved, * and though the moun-
tains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God
of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Evening lessons

Exodus 3:1-12

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children

of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

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Matthew 10:24-42

The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not

able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever

shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ASCENSION SUNDAY

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ASCENSION SUNDAY

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 4:1-17

Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem: And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year. Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege. Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread

thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight. And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them. Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

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Hebrews 6:1-12

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assur-

ance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Joshua 1:1-9

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest

observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

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Luke 9:51-62

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village. And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus

said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 7:10-27

Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their's: neither shall there be wail-

ing for them. The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity. All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity. As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and of

their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them. And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it. My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it. Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

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For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

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Evening psalms

94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

95 Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

Evening lessons

1 Samuel 16:1-13

And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed

is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

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After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Woe unto thee,

Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

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O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; * they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 11:14-25

Again the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying, Son of man, thy brethren, even

thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession. Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD. Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the

mountain which is on the east side of the city. Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.

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Hebrews 7:1-17

For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abra-

ham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

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Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 4:2-6

In that day shall the branch of the LORD
be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of
the earth shall be excellent and comely for
them that are escaped of Israel. And it
shall come to pass, that he that is left in
Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem,
shall be called holy, even every one that
is written among the living in Jerusalem:
When the Lord shall have washed away
the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall
have purged the blood of Jerusalem from
the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment,
and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD
will create upon every dwelling place of
mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a
cloud and smoke by day, and the shining
of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the

glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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Luke 10:17-24

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the

eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 18:19-32

The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should

return from his ways, and live? But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet ye say, The way of the LORD is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the LORD is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no plea-

sure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

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Hebrews 7:18-28

For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice,

first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

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Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Zechariah 4:1-14

And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall

also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth. Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth.

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Luke 10:25-37

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto

him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 34:17-31

And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats. Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye

must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle. Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of

their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

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Hebrews 8:1-13

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who

serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made

the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God,

and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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Luke 10:38-42

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Saturday, May 27

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 43:1-12

Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. And he said unto me, Son of

man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever. Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

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Hebrews 9:1-14

Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect,

as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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Evening psalms

33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Ezekiel 36:22-27

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

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Luke 11:14-23

And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EVE OF PENTECOST

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF PENTECOST

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by

the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 11:1-9

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the

sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

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1 Corinthians 2:1-13

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any

thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with

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145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

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John 14:21-29

He that hath my commandments, and keep-

eth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by

the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 4:9-14

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

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2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should

not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

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Evening psalms

9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Proverbs 10:1-12

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall. He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall. The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

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Luke 14:25-35

And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any

man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by thy providence; and that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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136 Confitemini

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 4:15-24

Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware

that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance: But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

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2 Corinthians 1:12-22

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus. And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit; And to pass by you

into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea. When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay? But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

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132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 “A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Evening lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

And there shall come forth a rod out of the

stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

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Hebrews 2:11-18

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

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Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF THE VISITATION

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there. And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat

upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their

house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

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Hebrews 3:1-6

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

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Evening psalms

146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Zechariah 2:10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

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John 3:25-30

Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend

of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

THE VISITATION

Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God

created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee,

and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

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2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much

more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD.

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Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Proverbs 21:30-22:6

There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD. A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all. A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches,

and honour, and life. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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Luke 16:1-9

And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended

the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD!
which you have laid up for those who fear
you; * which you have done in the sight of
all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your
presence from those who slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the
strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown
me the wonders of his love in a besieged
city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut
off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nev-
ertheless, you heard the sound of my en-
treaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship
him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but
repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage,
* all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 5:1-22

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto
them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judg-
ments which I speak in your ears this day,

that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying, I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods before me. Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any

work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Neither shalt thou commit adultery. Neither shalt thou steal. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour. Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's. These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

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2 Corinthians 1:4-12

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world,

and more abundantly to you-ward.

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35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Proverbs 23:19-24:2

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou

shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again. Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

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Luke 16:10-18

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth

your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Revelation 19:4-16

And the four and twenty elders and the

four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word

of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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John 1:29-34

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw,

and bare record that this is the Son of God.

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Evening psalms

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 42:15-25

I will now remember the works of the Lord,
and declare the things that I have seen: In
the words of the Lord are his works. The
sun that giveth light looketh upon all things,
and the work thereof is full of the glory of
the Lord. The Lord hath not given power
to the saints to declare all his marvellous
works, which the Almighty Lord firmly
settled, that whatsoever is might be estab-
lished for his glory. He seeketh out the
deep, and the heart, and considereth their
crafty devices: for the Lord knoweth all
that may be known, and he beholdeth the

signs of the world. He declareth the things that are past, and for to come, and revealeth the steps of hidden things. No thought escapeth him, neither any word is hidden from him. He hath garnished the excellent works of his wisdom, and he is from everlasting to everlasting: unto him may nothing be added, neither can he be diminished, and he hath no need of any counsellor. Oh how desirable are all his works! and that a man may see even to a spark. All these things live and remain for ever for all uses, and they are all obedient. All things are double one against another: and he hath made nothing imperfect. One thing establisheth the good or another: and who shall be filled with beholding his glory?

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Ephesians 3:14-21

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth,

and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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EVE OF TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of thy Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 43:27-33

The pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious shew; The sun when it appeareth, declaring at his rising a marvellous instrument, the work of the most High: At noon it parcheth the country, and who can abide the burning heat thereof? A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat, but the sun burneth the mountains three times more; breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes. Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment runneth hastily. He made the moon also to serve in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world. From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection. The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven; The beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord. At the commandment of the Holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches. Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof. It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the most High

have bended it. We may speak much, and yet come short: wherefore in sum, he is all. How shall we be able to magnify him? for he is great above all his works. The Lord is terrible and very great, and marvellous is his power. When ye glorify the Lord, exalt him as much as ye can; for even yet will he far exceed: and when ye exalt him, put forth all your strength, and be not weary; for ye can never go far enough. Who hath seen him, that he might tell us? and who can magnify him as he is? There are yet hid greater things than these be, for we have seen but a few of his works. For the Lord hath made all things; and to the godly hath he given wisdom.

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Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in

you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou

unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

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John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the

Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 11:13-19

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you. Therefore shall ye

lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if

any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

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44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 2:1-15

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the

heaven all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done. Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in dark-

ness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all. Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.

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Luke 17:1-10

Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not

rather say unto him, Make ready where-with I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 12:1-12

These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God. But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee. Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. For ye

are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

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2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowl-

edge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having there-

fore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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Evening psalms

47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round
about her; * count the number of her tow-
ers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 2:16-26

For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool. Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit. Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity. Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun. For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath

not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity. There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God. For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto, more than I? For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

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Luke 17:11-19

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to

pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

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Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant,
* because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that
your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of
old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * be-
cause of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to
me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O
LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * be-
cause I have kept your commandments.

Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I
have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be
merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned
my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.

Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; * instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, * but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me * than thousands in gold and silver.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 13:1-11

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy

God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee. If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

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2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded

no man. I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you. Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoyce, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all

things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you. Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth. And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. I rejoyce therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.

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Evening psalms

49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the

lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

To every thing there is a season, and a time

to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoyce, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God. I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth

that which is past.

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Luke 17:20-37

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day

that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

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50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother’s
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 16:20-17:20

That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth. Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil-favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God. If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or

woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you. If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment: And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that

place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously. When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

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2 Corinthians 8:1-16

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that

we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

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Evening psalms

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my
enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people for-
get; * send them reeling by your might and
put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the
words of their lips, for the cursing and lies
that they utter, * let them be caught in their
pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no
more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in
Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are
not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my
merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3

And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him? So I re-

turned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

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Luke 18:1-8

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless

when the Son of man cometh, shall he find
faith on the earth?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

And it shall be, when thou art come in

unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possesseth it, and dwellest therein; That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there. And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us. And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God. And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have brought

the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God: And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

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2 Corinthians 8:16-24

But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you. And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind: Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you. Whether

any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ. Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.

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Luke 18:9-14

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righ-

teous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 29:2-15

And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. And I have led you forty years in the

wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot. Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I am the LORD your God. And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them: And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh. Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do. Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel, Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water: That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day:

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2 Corinthians 9:1-15

For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is

written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

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138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they. Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field. He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept

for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind? All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness. Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion. Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God. For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

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Luke 18:15-30

And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But

Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house,

or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 31:3-11

The rich hath great labour in gathering riches together; and when he resteth, he is filled with his delicates. The poor laboureth in his poor estate; and when he leaveth off, he is still needy. He that loveth gold shall not be justified, and he that followeth corruption shall have enough thereof. Gold hath been the ruin of many, and their destruction was present. It is a stumblingblock unto them that sacrifice unto it, and every fool shall be taken therewith. Blessed

is the rich that is found without blemish, and hath not gone after gold. Who is he? and we will call him blessed: for wonderful things hath he done among his people. Who hath been tried thereby, and found perfect? then let him glory. Who might offend, and hath not offended? or done evil, and hath not done it? His goods shall be established, and the congregation shall declare his alms.

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Acts 4:32-37

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite,

and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the

LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Job 29:1-16

Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; When

the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street! The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up. The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

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Acts 9:26-31

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barn-

abas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus. Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. BARNABAS

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of thy faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of thy Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. BARNABAS

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; That then the

LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

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2 Corinthians 10:1-18

Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's. For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his

bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present. For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand. But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

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64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in

the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity. Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart. Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this. Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it. Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

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Luke 18:31-43

Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem,

and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

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Morning psalms

61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and

worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

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2 Corinthians 11:1-21

Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if

ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things. Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. I say again, Let no man think me

a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

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Evening psalms

68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, * you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:10

There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity. Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun. When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:) Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it. For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them. All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one

event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

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Luke 19:1-10

And Jesus entered and passed through Jeri-

cho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14

And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended. Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste

howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

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2 Corinthians 11:21-33

I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice

I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

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Evening psalms

Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them. This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and be-

sieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

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Luke 19:11-27

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants

to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

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70 Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; * let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, * from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, * my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise * and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, * and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 44:19-45:5

Abraham was a great father of many people: in glory was there none like unto him; Who kept the law of the most High, and was in covenant with him: he established the covenant in his flesh; and when he was proved, he was found faithful. Therefore he assured him by an oath, that he would bless the nations in his seed, and that he would multiply him as the dust of the earth, and exalt his seed as the stars, and cause them to inherit from sea to sea, and from the river unto the utmost part of the land. With Isaac did he establish likewise [for Abraham his father's sake] the blessing of all men, and the covenant, And made it rest upon the head of Jacob. He acknowledged him in his blessing, and gave him an heritage, and divided his portions; among the twelve tribes did he part them. And he brought out of him a merciful man, which found favour in the sight of all flesh, even Moses, beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed. He made him like

to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. By his words he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him part of his glory. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men. He made him to hear his voice, and brought him into the dark cloud, and gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge, that he might teach Jacob his covenants, and Israel his judgments.

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2 Corinthians 12:1-10

It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. For though

I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

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74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you
purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed
to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion
where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in
your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
* they set up their banners as tokens of vic-
tory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes
to a grove of trees; * they broke down all
your carved work with hatchets and ham-
mers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they
defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy
them altogether.” * They burned down all
the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is
no prophet left; * there is not one among
us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary

scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adver-
saries, * the unending tumult of those who
rise up against you.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this

or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun: But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

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Luke 19:28-40

And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the

way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 45:6-16

He exalted Aaron, an holy man like unto him, even his brother, of the tribe of Levi. An everlasting covenant he made with him and gave him the priesthood among the people; he beautified him with comely ornaments, and clothed him with a robe of glory. He put upon him perfect glory; and strengthened him with rich garments, with

breeches, with a long robe, and the ephod. And he compassed him with pomegranates, and with many golden bells round about, that as he went there might be a sound, and a noise made that might be heard in the temple, for a memorial to the children of his people; With an holy garment, with gold, and blue silk, and purple, the work of the embroidere, with a breastplate of judgment, and with Urim and Thummim; With twisted scarlet, the work of the cunning workman, with precious stones graven like seals, and set in gold, the work of the jeweller, with a writing engraved for a memorial, after the number of the tribes of Israel. He set a crown of gold upon the mitre, wherein was engraved Holiness, an ornament of honour, a costly work, the desires of the eyes, goodly and beautiful. Before him there were none such, neither did ever any stranger put them on, but only his children and his children's children perpetually. Their sacrifices shall be wholly consumed every day twice continually. Moses consecrated him, and anointed him with holy oil: this was appointed unto him by an everlasting covenant, and to his seed, so long as the heavens should remain, that they should minister unto him, and execute the office of the priesthood, and bless the people in his name. He chose him out of all men living to offer sacrifices to the Lord, incense, and a sweet savour, for a memorial, to make reconciliation for his

people.

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2 Corinthians 12:11-21

I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing. Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds. For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong. Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not your's but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile. Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you? I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps? Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before

God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying. For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, “How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?”

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and
let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy
youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart,
and in the sight of thine eyes: but know
thou, that for all these things God will bring
thee into judgment. Therefore remove sor-
row from thy heart, and put away evil from
thy flesh: for childhood and youth are van-
ity. Remember now thy Creator in the days
of thy youth, while the evil days come not,

nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity. And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the

masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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Luke 19:41-48

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; Saying unto them, It is written, My house

is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

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75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 46:1-10

Jesus the son a Nave was valiant in the wars, and was the successor of Moses in prophecies, who according to his name was made great for the saving of the elect of God, and taking vengeance of the enemies that rose up against them, that he might set Israel in their inheritance. How great glory gat he, when he did lift up his hands, and stretched out his sword against the cities! Who before him so stood to it? for the Lord himself brought his enemies unto him. Did not the sun go back by his means? and was not one day as long as two? He called upon the most high Lord, when the enemies pressed upon him on every side; and the great Lord heard him. And with hailstones of mighty power he made the battle to fall violently upon the nations, and in the descent [of Beth-horon] he destroyed them that resisted, that the nations might know all their strength, because he fought in the sight of the Lord, and he followed the Mighty One. In the time of Moses also he did a work of mercy, he and Caleb

the son of Jephunne, in that they withstood the congregation, and withheld the people from sin, and appeased the wicked murmuring. And of six hundred thousand people on foot, they two were preserved to bring them in to the heritage, even unto the land that floweth with milk and honey. The Lord gave strength also unto Caleb, which remained with him unto his old age: so that he entered upon the high places of the land, and his seed obtained it for an heritage: That all the children of Israel might see that it is good to follow the Lord.

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2 Corinthians 13:1-14

This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare: Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. Exam-

ine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates. Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection. Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Greet one another with an holy kiss. All the saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Numbers 3:1-13

These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai. And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. And Nadab and Abihu died before

the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel. And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD.

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Luke 20:1-8

And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders, And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority? And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet. And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was. And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 46:11-20

And concerning the judges, every one by name, whose heart went not a whoring, nor departed from the Lord, let their memory be blessed. Let their bones flourish out of their place, and let the name of them that were honoured be continued upon their children. Samuel, the prophet of the Lord, beloved of his Lord, established a kingdom, and anointed princes over his people. By the law of the Lord he judged the congregation, and the Lord had respect unto Jacob. By his faithfulness he was found a true prophet, and by his word he was known to be faithful in vision. He called upon the mighty Lord, when his enemies pressed upon him on every side, when he offered the sucking lamb. And the Lord thundered from heaven, and with a great noise made his voice to be heard. And he destroyed the rulers of the Tyrians, and all the princes of the Philistines. And before his long sleep he made protestations in the sight of the Lord and his anointed, I have not taken any man's goods, so much as a

shoe: and no man did accuse him. And after his death he prophesied, and shewed the king his end, and lifted up his voice from the earth in prophecy, to blot out the wickedness of the people.

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Revelation 15:1-8

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues,

clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Numbers 6:22-27

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

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Matthew 18:1-14

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

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Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there. And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat

upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their

house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

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Acts 1:1-14

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the

seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

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77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Numbers 9:15-10:36

And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Is-

rael pitched their tents. At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not. And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed. And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed. At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And

when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations. And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God. And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. And the chil-

dren of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran. And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle. And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came. And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of

Gideoni. And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naph-tali was Ahira the son of Enan. Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward. And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel. And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee. And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. And it came to pass, when the

ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

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Luke 20:9-19

Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out. Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him. But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them? He shall come and destroy these husbandmen,

and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 1:21-2:11

And the man Elkanah, and all his house,

went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there. And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the

LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

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Acts 1:15-26

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression

fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Numbers 11:1-23

And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched. And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them. And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes. And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it

was as the taste of fresh oil. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased. And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness. And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear

the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

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Luke 20:19-26

And the chief priests and the scribes the

same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them. And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 2:12-26

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer

him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force. Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD. But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD. Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress. If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

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Acts 2:1-21

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt,

saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!
* that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat * and satisfy him with honey from
the rock.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all

the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Evening lessons

Numbers 11:24-35

And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said,

Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them! And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel. And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted. And the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

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Luke 20:27-40

Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him, Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children. And the second took her to wife, and he died childless. And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him. Then certain of the

scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said. And after that they durst not ask him any question at all.

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83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves * the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD, * that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; * let them be put to confusion and perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 2:27-36

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to

wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for

ever. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

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Acts 2:22-36

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren,

let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

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Evening psalms

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Evening lessons

Numbers 12:1-16

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the LORD was

kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again. And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again. And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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Luke 20:41-21:4

And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies thy foot-

stool. David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son? Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples, Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation. And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Friday, June 23

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116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; * the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; * in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, * but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we
will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD,
send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 3:1-21

And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay

down. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever. And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the

house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

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Acts 2:37-47

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the

gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-11

Then stood up Elias the prophet as fire, and his word burned like a lamp. He brought a sore famine upon them, and by his zeal he diminished their number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heaven, and also three times brought down fire. O Elias, how wast thou honoured in thy wondrous deeds! and who may glory like unto thee! Who didst raise up a dead man from death, and his soul from the place of the dead, by the word of the most High: Who broughtest kings to destruction, and honorable men from their bed: Who heardest the rebuke of the Lord in Sinai, and in Horeb the judgment of vengeance: Who annointedst kings to take revenge, and prophets to succeed after him: Who was taken up in a whirlwind of fire, and in a chariot of fiery horses: Who wast ordained for reproofs in their times, to pacify the wrath of the Lord's judgment, before it brake forth into fury, and to turn the heart of the father unto the son, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Blessed are they that saw thee, and slept in love; for we shall surely live.

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Luke 1:5-23

THERE was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall

be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.

Saturday, June 24

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82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all
the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, * and
all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
* and fall like any prince.’ ”

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for
you shall take all nations for your own.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he
has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory;
* his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithful-
ness to the house of Israel, * and all the
ends of the earth have seen the victory of
our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with
the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in
it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and
let the hills ring out with joy before the
LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Malachi 3:1-5

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he
shall prepare the way before me: and the

LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

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John 3:22-30

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim,

because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison. Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Evening lessons

Malachi 4:1-6

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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Matthew 11:2-19

Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his dis-

ciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It

is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.

Sunday, June 25

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 4:12-22

And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What

meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son? And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

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James 1:1-18

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which

the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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Evening psalms

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very
present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth be moved, * and though the moun-
tains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God
of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Evening lessons

Numbers 14:26-45

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me. Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made

all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still. And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

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Matthew 19:23-30

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 5:1-12

And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither. And it was so, that, after

they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts. Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

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Acts 5:12-26

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they

brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned and told, Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow. Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom

ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people. Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Numbers 16:1-19

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face: And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi. And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Is-

rael hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also? For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him? And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up: Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us? Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up. And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow: And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer. And they took every man his

censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

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Luke 21:29-36

And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 6:1-16

And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place. And they said, If

ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was

a chance that happened to us. And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home: And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods. And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh. And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

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Acts 5:27-42

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them. Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas

of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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Evening psalms

94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

95 Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

Evening lessons

Numbers 16:20-35

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me

to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me. But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also. And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

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Luke 21:37-22:13

And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and

abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him. Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; * they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 7:2-17

And it came to pass, while the ark abode
in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long;

for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a

great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

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Acts 6:1-15

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the

Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. And they stirred up the

people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council, And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us. And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

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Evening psalms

Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Numbers 16:36-50

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the
priest, that he take up the censers out of
the burning, and scatter thou the fire yon-
der; for they are hallowed. The censers of
these sinners against their own souls, let
them make them broad plates for a cov-
ering of the altar: for they offered them
before the LORD, therefore they are hal-
lowed: and they shall be a sign unto the
children of Israel. And Eleazar the priest
took the brasen censers, wherewith they
that were burnt had offered; and they were
made broad plates for a covering of the al-
tar: To be a memorial unto the children of
Israel, that no stranger, which is not of the
seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense

before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses. But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle

of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

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Luke 22:14-23

And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, June 29

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-

tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; * he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 2:1-7

And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

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Acts 11:1-18

And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: And he shewed us how he

had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

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138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

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Galatians 2:1-9

Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pil-

lars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

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Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified thee by their martyrdom: Grant that thy Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by thy Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

SS. PETER AND PAUL

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 9:1-14

Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. And he had a son, whose name was

Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us. And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. (Before-time in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us

go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was. And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place: As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

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Acts 7:17-29

But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtilly with our

kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live. In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday? Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Numbers 20:1-13

Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou

shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

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Luke 22:31-38

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 9:15-10:1

Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart. And as for thine

asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house? And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons. And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house. And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on), but stand thou still

a while, that I may shew thee the word of God. Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

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Acts 7:30-43

And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the LORD came unto him, Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to

him in the bush. He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt, Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

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Evening psalms

33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Numbers 20:14-29

And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers: And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border: Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's high way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders. And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword. And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing anything else, go through on my feet. And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against

him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him. And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying, Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah. Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

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Luke 22:39-51

And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

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O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 10:1-16

Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance? When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo,

thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee. And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do. And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. And when they came

thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place. And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel. And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

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Romans 4:13-25

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which

are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

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145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Numbers 21:4-35

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth. And they journeyed from

Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sun-rising. From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared. From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab. And from thence they went to Beer: that is the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it: The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah: And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth: And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon. And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the king's high way, until we be past thy borders. And Si-

hon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong. And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof. For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon. Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared: For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon. Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites. We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba. Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites. And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there. And they turned and

went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

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Matthew 21:23-32

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and

said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried
up, * and he led them through the deep as
through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 10:17-27

And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh; And said unto the

children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you: And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands. And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found. Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff. And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king. Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, ev-

ery man to his house. And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his peace.

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Acts 7:44-8:1

Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him an house. Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things? Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers perse-

cuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

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Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,
* and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled

over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, * when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them * and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, * that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; * and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Numbers 22:1-21

And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side

Jordan by Jericho. And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak. And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee? And Balaam said unto God, Balak

the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying, Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out. And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us. And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more. And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee,

that shalt thou do. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

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Luke 22:52-62

Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and

looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Morning lessons

Ecclesiasticus 10:1-18

A wise judge will instruct his people; and the government of a prudent man is well ordered. As the judge of the people is himself, so are his officers; and what manner of man the ruler of the city is, such are all they that dwell therein. An unwise king destroyeth his people; but through the prudence of them which are in authority the city shall be inhabited. The power of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, and in due time he will set over it one that is profitable. In the hand of God is the prosperity of man: and upon the person of the scribe shall he lay his honour. Bear not hatred to thy neighbour for every wrong; and do nothing at all by injurious practices. Pride is hateful before God and man: and by both doth one commit iniquity. Because of unrighteous dealings, injuries, and riches got by deceit, the kingdom is translated from one people to another. Why is earth and ashes proud? There is not a more wicked thing than a covetous man: for such an one setteth his own soul to sale; because while he liveth he casteth away his bowels. The physician cutteth off a long disease; and

he that is to day a king to morrow shall die. For when a man is dead, he shall inherit creeping things, beasts, and worms. The beginning of pride is when one departeth from God, and his heart is turned away from his Maker. For pride is the beginning of sin, and he that hath it shall pour out abomination: and therefore the Lord brought upon them strange calamities, and overthrew them utterly. The Lord hath cast down the thrones of proud princes, and set up the meek in their stead. The Lord hath plucked up the roots of the proud nations, and planted the lowly in their place. The Lord overthrew countries of the heathen, and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. He took some of them away, and destroyed them, and hath made their memorial to cease from the earth. Pride was not made for men, nor furious anger for them that are born of a woman.

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James 5:7-10

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the com-

ing of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in

Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

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Revelation 21:1-7

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.

Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, * for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, * for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise
* as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,
* and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.

Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
* search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 12:1-25

And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness. And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the

LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe. And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king. Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against

your fathers. Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

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Acts 8:14-25

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the LORD for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. And they, when they had testified and preached the word of

the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

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128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth," * let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth, * but they have not prevailed
against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has
cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their

sins.

Evening lessons

Numbers 22:41-23:12

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people. And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place. And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram. And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab. And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east,

saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied? For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

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Luke 23:1-12

And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it. Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

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131 Domine, non est

1 O LORD, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore.

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my

Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

133 Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 13:5-18

And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven. When

the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him. And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall

not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee. And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men. And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual: And another company turned the way to Bethhoron: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

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Acts 8:26-40

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the

charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the

Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

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Evening psalms

134 Ecce nunc

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, * you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

135 Laudate nomen

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; * give praise, you servants of the LORD.

2 You 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 good; * sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself * and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, * in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; * he sends out lightning with the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, * the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, * against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations * and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, * and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, * an inheritance for Israel his people.

13 O LORD, your Name is everlasting; * your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

14 For the LORD gives his people justice * and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; * neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; * O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Numbers 23:11-26

And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth? And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar. And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the LORD yonder. And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus. And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of

Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken? And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain. And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

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Luke 23:13-25

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

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140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir
up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like
a serpent; * adder's poison is under their
lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked; * protect me from the violent,
who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me
and stretched out a net of cords; * they
have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my
God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplica-
tion.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salva-
tion, * you have covered my head in the
day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O
LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up
their heads; * let the evil of their lips over-
whelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise

up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those

who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 13:19-14:15

Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock. Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found. And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash. Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over

to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father. And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men; And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah. And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD

hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us. And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him. And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow. And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

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Acts 9:1-9

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the syn-

agogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

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141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they
have laid for me * and from the traps of
the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
* while I myself escape.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,
* for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for
you are my God; * let your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's
sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring
me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly
I am your servant.

Evening lessons

Numbers 24:1-13

And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the

river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee. And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour. And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

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Luke 23:26-31

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

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Morning psalms

137 Super flumina

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *

and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, * no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! * happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 14:16-30

And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another. Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number

now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there. And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel. And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture. Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven. And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food. And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground. And when the people were

come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath. But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint. Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

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Acts 9:10-19

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the

house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

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104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Numbers 24:12-25

And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak? And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes

are open hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

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Luke 23:32-43

And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

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146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 14:36-45

And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day. And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and,

lo, I must die. And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

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Romans 5:1-11

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ

died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

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Evening psalms

111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Numbers 27:12-23

And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel. And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered. For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD:

at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

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Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and

destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

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I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *

how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people * who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; * surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your blessing be upon your people!

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 15:1-23

Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hear-

ken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from follow-

ing me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the

way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

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Acts 9:19-31

And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at

Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket. And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus. Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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Evening psalms

4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

* save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces * and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: * if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, * trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, * and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; * for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Evening lessons

Numbers 32:1-27

Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude

of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan. And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land. For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them. And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying, Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have

not wholly followed me: Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD. And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed. And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people. And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward. And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war, And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall re-

turn, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead: But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

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Luke 23:44-56

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were

done, smote their breasts, and returned. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things. And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; * I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; * you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; * heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; * and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; * the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 15:24-35

And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the king-

dom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD. Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, As the sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

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Acts 9:32-43

And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the

saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. And it came to pass,

that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

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10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD,
* and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
* but they are trapped in the schemes they
have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled

before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Evening lessons

Numbers 35:1-34

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the

plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities. So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs. And the cities which ye shall give shall be of the possession of the children of Israel: from them that have many ye shall give many; but from them that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth. And

the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan; Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares. And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment. And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge. Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge. These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither. And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. Or if he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him. But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that

he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him. But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait, Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm: Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments: And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil. But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood: Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession. So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but

one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest. So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

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Luke 23:56-24:11

And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them

in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

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Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let
me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, * that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and they are my counselors.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 16:1-13

And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called

them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

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Acts 10:1-16

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do. And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa. On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending

upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

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Evening psalms

12 *Salvum me fac*

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does

good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Deuteronomy 1:1-18

These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.) And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the

LORD had given him in commandment unto them; After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei: On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do. So

I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it. And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

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Luke 24:13-35

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communica-

tions are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone

further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies
and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 16:14-17:11

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David,

I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him. Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose

you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

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Acts 10:17-33

Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews,

was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and he had called together his kinsmen and near friends. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me? And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immedi-

ately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Deuteronomy 3:18-28

And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war. But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (for I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you; Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you. And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest. Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you. And I besought the LORD at that time, saying, O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. But the LORD was wroth

with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

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Luke 24:36-53

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before

them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

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16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide

me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 17:17-30

And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren; And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren. And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will en-

rich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

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Acts 10:34-48

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is

accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be

baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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Evening psalms

22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Evening lessons

Deuteronomy 31:7-32:4

And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel. And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that their children, which

have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For

when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear. Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee. And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death? Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers,

that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended. Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

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Mark 1:1-13

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilder-

ness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 17:31-49

And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be

as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a

sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

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Acts 11:1-18

And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were

of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on

them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

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Evening psalms

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead,

unto Dan, And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all

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Mark 1:14-28

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?

art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
* for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 17:50-18:4

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head

therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent. And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is. And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan

stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

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Romans 10:4-17

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the

Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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Evening psalms

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Joshua 1:1-18

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto

this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass be-

fore your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising. And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

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Matthew 23:29-39

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto

yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 18:5-30

And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even

to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them. And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king? But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife. And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain. And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with

David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired. Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him. And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually. Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

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Acts 11:19-30

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the LORD Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there

stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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Evening psalms

9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Joshua 2:1-14

And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate. And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye

came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

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Mark 1:29-45

And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever

left her, and she ministered unto them. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and

began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Morning psalms

26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 19:1-18

And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee. And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the

Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past. And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin: but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain. So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, say-

ing, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster. And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee? So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

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Acts 12:1-17

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have

brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but

ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

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Evening psalms

36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those

who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and

cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions * and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, * for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; * truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; * hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, * before I go my way and am no more.

Evening lessons

Joshua 2:15-24

Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the

town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him. And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window. And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not. So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them: And they

said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

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Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship

him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back
from my affliction; * my neighbors stand
afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 20:1-23

And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee. And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-

lehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him. Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly? And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee; The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father. And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not: But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the

enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies. And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul. Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth. But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away. And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

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Acts 12:18-25

Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode. And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country. And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. But the word of God grew and multiplied. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

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Evening psalms

Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings
* and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which
I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your com-
mandments, * and I will meditate on your
statutes.

Evening lessons

Joshua 3:1-13

And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God. And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

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Mark 2:13-22

And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and

then shall they fast in those days. No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 20:24-42

So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him

down to eat meat. And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean. And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day? And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem: And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table. Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die. And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? And Saul cast a javelin

at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David. So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame. And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan

went into the city.

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Acts 13:1-12

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called

Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

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Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Joshua 3:14-4:7

And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that

is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan

were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

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Mark 2:23-3:6

And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungry, he, and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to

do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 21:1-15

Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why

art thou alone, and no man with thee? And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place. Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel. So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. And

the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me. And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me? Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

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Acts 13:13-25

Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them re-

turned to Jerusalem. But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: When John had first preached before his coming

the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

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Evening psalms

35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Joshua 4:19-5:15

And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever. And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the chil-

dren of Israel the second time. And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD swore that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day. And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth

day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

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Mark 3:7-19

But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Ju-

daea, And from Jerusalem, and from Iudamaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known. And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

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116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt

not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

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Mark 15:47-16:7

And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week,

they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Exodus 15:19-21

For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

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2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Sunday, July 23

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 23:7-18

And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whither-

soever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth. And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand. And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

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Romans 11:33-12:2

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Joshua 6:15-27

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city. And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD. So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the

city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel. And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it. So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was noised throughout all the country.

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Matthew 25:14-30

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will

make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 24:1-22

And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi. Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD. So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself. And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed. Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. After whom is the

king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand. And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil. And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not. For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

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Acts 13:44-52

And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

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44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Joshua 7:1-13

But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east of Bethel, and spake unto them,

saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few. So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. And Joshua said, Alas, O LORD God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! O LORD, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name? And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant

which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

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Mark 4:1-20

And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much

earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction

or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 16:14-21

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things. O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD.

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Mark 1:14-20

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

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33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Jeremiah 26:1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had com-

manded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

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Matthew 10:16-32

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the

master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. JAMES

O gracious God, we remember before thee this day thy servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that thou wilt pour out upon the leaders of thy Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among thy people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. JAMES

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant,
* because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that
your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of
old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * be-
cause of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to
me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O
LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * be-
cause I have kept your commandments.

Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I
have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be
merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned
my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.

Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; * instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, * but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me * than thousands in gold and silver.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 25:23-44

And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young

men that follow my lord. I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling. And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid. And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. So David received of her hand that which she had

brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. And Abigail hastened, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives. But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

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Acts 14:19-28

And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed. And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia: And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the

grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. And there they abode long time with the disciples.

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Evening psalms

49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the

lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Joshua 8:30-35

Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD

God of Israel in mount Ebal, As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

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Mark 4:35-41

And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother’s
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 28:3-20

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman

that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me

up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

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Acts 15:1-11

And certain men which came down from

Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck

of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

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Evening psalms

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my
enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people for-
get; * send them reeling by your might and
put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the
words of their lips, for the cursing and lies
that they utter, * let them be caught in their
pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no
more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in
Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are
not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my
merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Joshua 9:3-21

And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us. And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you? And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, And all that he did to the two kings of the Amor-

ites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth. Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us. This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD. And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them. And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim. And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. But all the princes said unto all

the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

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Mark 5:1-20

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?

I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had

compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 31:1-13

Now the Philistines fought against Israel:

and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together. And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroath: and they fastened his body

to the wall of Bethshan. And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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Acts 15:12-21

Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all

his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Joshua 9:22-10:15

And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose. Now it came to pass, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon

had made peace with Israel, and were among them; That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. Wherefore Adonizedec king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew

them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

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Mark 5:21-43

And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daugh-

ter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

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Morning psalms

55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 1:1-16

Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. And David said unto him, From whence comest thou?

And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord. Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword. And David said unto the young

man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

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Acts 15:22-35

Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas, chief men among the brethren: And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia. Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send cho-

sen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well. So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle: Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation. And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them. And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles. Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still. Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

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Evening psalms

138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Joshua 23:1-16

And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age: And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you. Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your

sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in

all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

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Mark 6:1-13

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not

this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 1:17-27

And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.) The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. Saul and Jonathan were

lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

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Romans 12:9-21

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward

another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Evening psalms

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a

thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

Evening lessons

Joshua 24:1-15

And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto

Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. And you went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two

kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

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Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Fa-

ther, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but

the righteous into life eternal.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 2:1-11

And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with

his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul. And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabeshgilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them. But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

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Acts 15:36-16:5

And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the LORD, and see how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches. Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek: Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

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Evening psalms

64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Joshua 24:16-33

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: And the LORD drove out from before us all the

people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God. So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance. And it came to pass after these

things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash. And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that over-lived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel. And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

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Mark 6:14-29

And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I

beheaded: he is risen from the dead. For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be

brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

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61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 3:6-21

And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ishbosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ishbosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman? So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba. And

he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him. And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines. And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish. And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned. And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And

David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast. And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

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Acts 16:6-15

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony:

and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, * you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Judges 2:1-23

And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD. And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew

not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed. Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so. And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because

of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

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Mark 6:30-46

And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many com-

ing and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets

full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. And straight-way he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 3:22-39

And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not. And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one

that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. So Joab, and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him. And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down. And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer

of evil according to his wickedness.

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Acts 16:16-24

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner

prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

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Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Evening lessons

Judges 3:12-30

And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. But Ehud

made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man. And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth. And Ehud es-

caped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

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Mark 6:47-56

And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: For they all saw him, and were trou-

bled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

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70 Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; * let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, * from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, * my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise * and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, * and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 4:1-12

And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin. And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.) And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote

him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. And they brought the head of Ishbosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed. And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings: How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

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Acts 16:25-40

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The mag-

istrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace. But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out. And the sergeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans. And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

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Evening psalms

74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you
purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed
to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion
where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in
your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
* they set up their banners as tokens of vic-
tory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes
to a grove of trees; * they broke down all
your carved work with hatchets and ham-
mers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they
defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy
them altogether.” * They burned down all
the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is
no prophet left; * there is not one among
us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary

scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adver-
saries, * the unending tumult of those who
rise up against you.

Evening lessons

Judges 4:4-23

And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go

with me, then I will not go. And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him. Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh. And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon. And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet. But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a

man left. Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

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Mark 7:1-23

Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man

shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Harken unto me every one of you, and understand: There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 5:1-12

Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. So all the elders

of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah. And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him. And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

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Acts 17:1-15

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other,

they let them go. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, “How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?”

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Judges 5:1-18

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of
Abinoam on that day, saying, Praise ye the
LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the
people willingly offered themselves. Hear,
O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even
I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing
praise to the LORD God of Israel. LORD,
when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou
marchedst out of the field of Edom, the
earth trembled, and the heavens dropped,

the clouds also dropped water. The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel. In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways. The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel. They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel? My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD. Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way. They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates. Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam. Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty. Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer. And

the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart. Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches. Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardated their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

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Mark 7:24-37

And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs

under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed. And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

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O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, August 5

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82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?”

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all
the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, * and
all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
* and fall like any prince.’ ”

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for
you shall take all nations for your own.

83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep
still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and
those who hate you have lifted up their
heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, “Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more.”

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves * the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD, * that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; * let them be put to confusion and perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 5:22-6:11

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer. Again, David gathered to-

gether all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obede-

dom the Gittite. And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obedom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obedom, and all his household.

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Acts 17:16-34

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that

in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the

dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand

at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they
who put their trust in you!

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O
LORD, * you have restored the good for-
tune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your
people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and
turned yourself from your wrathful indig-
nation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let
your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever?
* will you prolong your anger from age to
age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Evening lessons

1 Kings 19:1-12

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by

to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD.

And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

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2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and en-

graven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD.

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O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, August 6

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2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” * “The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

Morning lessons

Exodus 24:12-18

And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in

the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

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2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Evening lessons

Daniel 7:9-14

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

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John 12:27-36

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 7:1-17

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the shepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men

that are in the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

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Acts 18:1-11

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

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Evening psalms

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Judges 6:25-40

And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. Then Gideon took ten men

of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it. And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar. Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar. Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him:

and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

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Mark 8:11-21

And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation. And he left them,

and entering into the ship again departed to the other side. Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread. And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 7:18-29

Then went king David in, and sat before

the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said. And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. For thou, O LORD

of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

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Acts 18:12-28

And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat, Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters. And he drave them from the judgment seat. Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him be-

fore the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things. And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus. And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch. And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote,

exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Judges 7:1-18

Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. So he brought down the people unto the water: and the

LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place. So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley. And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host: And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host. And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude. And

when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host. And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

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Mark 8:22-33

And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town. And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of

men.

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 9:1-13

And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar. Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar. Now when Mephi-

bosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am? Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

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Acts 19:1-10

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space

of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

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81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!
* that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat * and satisfy him with honey from
the rock.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all

the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Evening lessons

Judges 7:19-8:12

So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshit-

tah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath. And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites. And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Bethbarah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Bethbarah and Jordan. And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan. And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply. And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that. And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them. And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give,

I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him. And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower. Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host; for the host was secure. And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

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Mark 8:34-9:1

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

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83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves *
the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling
dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like
the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and
terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,
* that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for
ever; * let them be put to confusion and
perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name
is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most
High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 11:1-27

And it came to pass, after the year was ex-
pired, at the time when kings go forth to
battle, that David sent Joab, and his ser-
vants with him, and all Israel; and they
destroyed the children of Ammon, and be-
sieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at
Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide,

that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house? And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go

into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone

upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

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Acts 19:11-20

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were

brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the LORD Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

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85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Evening lessons

Judges 8:22-35

Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you. And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks. And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house. Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And

the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon. And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives. And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baalberith their god. And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

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Mark 9:2-13

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no

fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

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88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, * and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; * I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; * LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? * will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? * your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? * or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; * in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? * why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; * I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; * your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, * and darkness is my only companion.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 12:1-14

And the LORD sent Nathan unto David.

And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hit-

tite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

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Acts 19:21-41

After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him,

Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season. And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre. And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused: and the more part

knew not wherefore they were come together. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. And when the town-clerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess. Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another. But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly. For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

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1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of

the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the
fool understand, * that though the wicked
grow like weeds, and all the workers of in-
iquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for
ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for
evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your
enemies shall perish, * and all the workers
of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the
horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with
fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
* and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of
the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm
tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of
the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of
our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the
LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no

fault.

Evening lessons

Judges 9:1-21

And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him. And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo,

and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem. And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us. But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; (For my fa-

ther fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech. And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

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Mark 9:14-29

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have

brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately,

Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be

glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 12:15-31

And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he

then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him. And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD. And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. Now therefore gather the rest of the people

together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name. And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

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Acts 20:1-16

And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia. And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece, And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia. And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater

of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. These going before tarried for us at Troas. And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot. And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived

at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus. For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Judges 9:22-57

When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren. And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech. And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son

of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out. And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled. And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee. Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field: And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion. And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies. And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait. And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. And Gaal spake again, and said, See

there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim. Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them. And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate. And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them. And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt. And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into an hold of the house

of the god Berith. And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done. And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women. Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower. And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A women slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man

unto his place. Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

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Mark 9:30-41

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my

name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

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O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, August 13

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 13:1-22

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her. But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother:

and Jonadab was a very subtil man. And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her,

and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing.

So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

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Romans 15:1-13

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made

unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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Evening psalms

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very
present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth be moved, * and though the moun-
tains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God
of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Evening lessons

Judges 11:1-40

Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman. Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him. And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD be witness between

us, if we do not so according to thy words. Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh. And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh; Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not consent: and Israel abode in Kadesh. Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the bor-

der of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab. And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place. But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan. So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it? Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess. And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them, While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover them within that time? Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the

LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of

them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back. And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon. And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

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John 3:22-36

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John

also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison. Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;

but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 13:23-39

And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered

and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead. But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is. And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore. But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

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Acts 20:17-38

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and

called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath

purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

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Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Judges 12:1-7

And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire. And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me? Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites. And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him

at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand. And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

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Mark 9:42-50

And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good:

but if the salt have lost his saltness, where-
with will ye season it? Have salt in your-
selves, and have peace one with another.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday, August 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

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113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * “Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The

LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

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John 2:1-12

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after

the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

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Evening psalms

45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Evening lessons

Jeremiah 31:1-14

At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They

shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

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John 19:23-27

Then the soldiers, when they had cruci-

fied Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

O God, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; * they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 14:21-33

And the king said unto Joab, Behold now,
I have done this thing: go therefore, bring

the young man Absalom again. And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant. So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face. But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance. So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. Then Joab arose, and came to Ab-

salom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me. So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

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Acts 21:15-26

And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem. There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge. And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto

him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come. Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them; Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law. As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication. Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

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Evening psalms

Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

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129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Judges 12:8-15

And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem. And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun. And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on three-score and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years. And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the

mount of the Amalekites.

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Mark 10:17-31

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to

enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 15:1-18

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. And the king said

unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house. And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from

Gath, passed on before the king.

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Acts 21:27-36

And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place. (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut. And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul. Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done. And some cried one thing, some another, among the

multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle. And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people. For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

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Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Judges 14:1-19

And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel. Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased

Samson well. And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion. And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion. So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments: But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so? And Samson's wife wept before him, and said,

Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee? And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people. And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion? and he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle. And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

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Mark 10:32-45

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should hap-

pen unto him, Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so

shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 15:19-37

Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile. Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this

day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee. And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness. And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation: But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify

me. Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there. And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel. And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear. So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Ab-

salom came into Jerusalem.

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Acts 21:37-22:16

And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek? Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers? But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people. And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying, Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,) I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding

and delivering into prisons both men and women. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, LORD? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest

hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Judges 14:20-15:20

But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend. But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure. And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails. And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives. Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came

up, and burnt her and her father with fire. And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam. Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock. And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi. And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof Enhakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day. And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

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Mark 10:46-52

And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and

say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 16:1-23

And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink. And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth.

And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man. Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the

LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there. And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of

all Israel. And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

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Acts 22:17-29

And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance; And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles. And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air, The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined

by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman. Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born. Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

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33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Judges 16:1-14

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron. And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. And Samson

said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread. And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web. And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

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Mark 11:1-11

And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem,

and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

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Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 17:1-23

Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou

seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou. And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth

on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom. Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by Enrogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down. And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said,

Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan. And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

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Galatians 3:6-14

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying,

In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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Evening psalms

145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Judges 16:15-31

And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at

other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house. Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven. Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us. And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars. And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this

once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life. Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

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John 5:30-47

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the

truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried
up, * and he led them through the deep as
through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 17:24-18:8

Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the

men of Israel with him. And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruah Joab's mother. So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead. And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness. And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds over them. And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now

it is better that thou succour us out of the city. And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men. For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

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Acts 22:30-23:11

On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them. And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good

conscience before God until this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God. And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle. And the night

following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,
* and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled

over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, * when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them * and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, * that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; * and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Judges 17:1-13

And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. And he said unto

his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son. And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes. And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. And Micah said unto

him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in. And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

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Mark 11:12-25

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught,

saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city. And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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120 Ad Dominum

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; * I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips * and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, * O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, * along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech * and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live * among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, * but when I speak of it, they are for war.

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let
us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your
gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at
unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise
the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May
they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
* I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to 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,
* for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 18:9-18

And Absalom met the servants of David.

And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me. Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap

of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place.

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Acts 23:12-24

And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul. Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him. And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young

man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him. So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee. Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me? And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly. But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee. So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me. And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

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124 Nisi quia Dominus

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up
alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us * and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone
right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! * he has not given
us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like
Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved,
but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so
does the LORD stand round about his peo-
ple, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

127 Nisi Dominus

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city,
* in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go
to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread
of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! * he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the
gate.

Evening lessons

Judges 18:1-15

In those days there was no king in Israel:
and in those days the tribe of the Danites
sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for
unto that day all their inheritance had not

fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there. When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest. And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go. Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man. And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What say ye? And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are

ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land. When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth. And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war. And they went up, and pitched in Kirjathjearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahanehdan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjathjearim. And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah. Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do. And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and saluted him.

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Mark 11:27-12:12

And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders, And say unto him, By what

authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things. And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying,

They will reverence my son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be our's. And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.

Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, * for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, * for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise
* as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,
* and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.

Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
* search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 18:19-33

Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi. And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. And the watchman said, Me thin-

keth the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. And, behold, Cushite came; and Cushite said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. And the king said unto Cushite, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

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Acts 23:23-35

And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. And he wrote a letter after this manner: Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting. This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman. And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council: Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell. Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris. On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: Who, when they came to Caesarea and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him. And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he

was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia; I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

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Evening psalms

128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth," * let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth, * but they have not prevailed
against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has
cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their

sins.

Evening lessons

Judges 18:16-31

And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate. And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war. And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them. And

when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company? And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee? And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house. And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Bethrehab. And they built a city, and dwelt therein. And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first. And the children of Dan set up the graven

image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

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Mark 12:13-27

And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him. Then come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked

him, saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave his wife behind him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed. And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise. And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also. In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thursday, August 24

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86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, * and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; * they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Morning lessons

Genesis 28:10-17

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for

his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

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John 1:43-51

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith

unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

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Evening psalms

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 66:1-23

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that of-

fereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the

abundance of her glory. For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And

they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

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1 Peter 5:1-11

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shep-

herd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir
up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like
a serpent; * adder's poison is under their
lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked; * protect me from the violent,
who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me
and stretched out a net of cords; * they
have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my
God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplica-
tion.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salva-
tion, * you have covered my head in the
day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O
LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up
their heads; * let the evil of their lips over-
whelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise

up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those

who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 19:24-43

And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace. And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame. And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes. For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant

among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king? And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house. And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy ser-

vant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee. And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place. Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel. And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift? And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

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Acts 24:24-25:12

And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him. But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound. Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem. Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him. But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither. Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him. And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next

day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought. And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all. But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar. Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

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Evening psalms

141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they
have laid for me * and from the traps of
the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
* while I myself escape.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,
* for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for
you are my God; * let your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's
sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring
me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly
I am your servant.

Evening lessons

Job 2:1-13

Again there was a day when the sons of
God came to present themselves before the
LORD, and Satan came also among them
to present himself before the LORD. And
the LORD said unto Satan, From whence
comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD,
and said, From going to and fro in the earth,
and from walking up and down in it. And
the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou con-
sidered my servant Job, that there is none
like him in the earth, a perfect and an up-
right man, one that feareth God, and es-
cheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his
integrity, although thou movedst me against
him, to destroy him without cause. And
Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin

for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

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Mark 12:35-44

And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly. And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation. And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had,

even all her living.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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137 Super flumina

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *

and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, * no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! * happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 23:1-17

Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the LORD spake

by me, and his word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow. But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place. These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to

spoil. And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory. And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

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Acts 25:13-27

And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus. And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix: About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him. To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him. Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth. Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed: But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters. But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar. Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him. And on the morrow, when

Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth. And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him. Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write. For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.

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Evening psalms

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Job 3:1-26

After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. And Job spake, and said, Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. Lo, let that night

be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day: Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes. Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, With kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves; Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light. There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master. Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul; Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures; Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave? Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in? For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like

the waters. For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

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Mark 13:1-13

And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles:

these are the beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

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146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 24:1-25

And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon, And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beersheba. So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine

months and twenty days. And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem

to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. And the king said unto Arau-

nah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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Galatians 3:23-4:7

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a

servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Job 4:1-21

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking? Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad. Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: It stood

still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly: How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it. Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

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John 8:12-20

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and

the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *

how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people * who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; * surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your blessing be upon your people!

Morning lessons

1 Kings 1:5-31

Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty

men to run before him. And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom. And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. And Bathsheba

went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not: And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders. And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in

abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

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Acts 26:1-23

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: I think myself happy, king Agrippa, be-

cause I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God, unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, At mid-day, O king, I saw in the way a light from

heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should

come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

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4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

* save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces * and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: * if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, * trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, * and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; * for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Evening lessons

Job 5:1-27

Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou

turn? For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation. His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them. Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance. Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields: To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the noonday as in the night. But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

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Mark 13:14-27

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take

any thing out of his house: And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things. But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

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5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; * I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; * you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; * heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; * and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; * the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 1:38-2:4

So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them. And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they

had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar? And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it. And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword. And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house. Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

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Acts 26:24-27:8

And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar. And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the

coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself. And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein. And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone; And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

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Evening psalms

10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD,
* and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
* but they are trapped in the schemes they
have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled

before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Evening lessons

Job 6:1-21

But Job answered and said, Oh that my

grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up. For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me. Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg? The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat. Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for! Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off! Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One. What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life? Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass? Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me? To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty. My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away; Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid: What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are con-

sumed out of their place. The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish. The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them. They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed. For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid.

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Mark 13:28-37

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at

midnight, or at the cockcrowning, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let
me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, * that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and they are my counselors.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 3:1-15

And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days. And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth,

and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen

thy days. And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

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Acts 27:9-26

Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them, And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul. And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west. And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete. But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind,

we let her drive. And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat: Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven. And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship; And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

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Evening psalms

12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does

good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Job 7:1-21

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work: So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day. My flesh is clothed with worms and

clouds of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good. The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaints; Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions: So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity. What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle? I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? And why dost thou not pardon my transgres-

sion, and take away my iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

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Mark 14:1-11

After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people. And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spike-nard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you,

Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavil-
ion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong ene-
mies and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 3:16-28

Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

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Acts 27:27-44

But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country; And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms. Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day. And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when

they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you. And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat. And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea. And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship. And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore. And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained

unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

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Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Job 8:1-22

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression; If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:) Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not

endure. He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee. Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers: Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

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Mark 14:12-26

And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And where-soever he shall go in, say ye to the good-man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. And

his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide

me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 5:1-6:7

And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together. And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones,

and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house. And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD. And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. And for the house he made windows of narrow lights. And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about: The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house. And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was

neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

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Acts 28:1-16

And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita. And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god. In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the fa-

ther of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary. And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli: Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage. And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

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Evening psalms

22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Evening lessons

Job 9:1-35

Then Job answered and said, I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number. Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not. Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou? If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him. How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him? Whom,

though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge. If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice. For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause. He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness. If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead? If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life. This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked. If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he? Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself: I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain? If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. For he

is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me: Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

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Mark 14:27-42

And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all. And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sor-

rowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 7:51-8:21

So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and

the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims. For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD. Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever. And the king turned his

face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

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Acts 28:17-31

And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of. For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against. And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

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Evening psalms

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Job 10:1-22

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me

wherefore thou contendest with me. Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days, That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee. If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction; For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me. Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me. Wherefore then hast

thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

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Mark 14:43-52

And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against

a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

1 Kings 8:22-40

And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that

walk before thee with all their heart: Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive. If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon

him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house: Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers. When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

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1 Timothy 4:7-16

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate

upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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Evening psalms

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Job 11:1-20

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth. Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. If he cut off, and

shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it? For vain men would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt. If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear: Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away: And thine age shall be clearer than the noon-day: thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee. But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

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John 8:47-59

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and

said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7

Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name. If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near; Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have

sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant. Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon

the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

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James 2:1-13

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a

poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

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Evening psalms

9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Job 12:1-25

And Job answered and said, No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these? I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn. He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly. But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh

the judges fools. He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again. He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

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Mark 14:53-65

And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their

witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 8:65-9:9

And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people. And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and

thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

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James 2:14-26

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had

received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those

who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and

cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord,
my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth,
* for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am
worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like
a moth you eat away all that is dear to us;
* truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear
to my cry; * hold not your peace at my
tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a
wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be
glad again, * before I go my way and am
no more.

Evening lessons

Job 13:3-27

Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and
I desire to reason with God. But ye are

forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value. O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God? Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him? He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you? Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. How many are mine iniquities and

sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

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Mark 14:66-72

And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew.

And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back
from my affliction; * my neighbors stand
afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 9:24-10:13

But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo. And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house. And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon. And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she

communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones. And

the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day. And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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James 3:1-12

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course

of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

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Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings
* and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which
I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your com-
mandments, * and I will meditate on your
statutes.

Evening lessons

Job 14:1-22

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of

water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity. And surely the mountains falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place. The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man. Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them. But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

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Mark 15:1-11

And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto them, Thou sayest it. And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 11:1-13

But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women

of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites: Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto

Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

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James 3:13-4:12

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come

they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

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Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Job 16:16-17:16

My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death; Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure. O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high. My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God. O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour! When a few years are come, then I shall go the

way whence I shall not return. My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me. Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation? Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hands with me? For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them. He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail. He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret. Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow. Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you. My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart. They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister. And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

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Mark 15:12-21

And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 11:26-43

And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon’s servant, whose mother’s name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even

he lifted up his hand against the king. And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field: And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces: And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his

life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever. Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon. And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

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James 4:13-5:6

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

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35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Job 19:1-27

Then Job answered and said, How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words? These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me. And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself. If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach: Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment. He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies. His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle. He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. I called my servant, and he gave me

no answer; I intreated him with my mouth. My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body. Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

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Mark 15:22-32

And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink

wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, Save thyself, and come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

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30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 12:1-20

And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of

Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chas-

tised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent

and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

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James 5:7-20

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among

you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiv-
ing, * among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jor-
dan, and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Evening lessons

Job 22:1-23:7

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. Thou hast not

given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it. Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; Or darkness, that thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee. Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood: Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth. Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold

as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands. Then Job answered and said, Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me. There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

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Mark 15:33-39

And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 12:21-33

And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD. Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at

Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

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Acts 4:18-31

And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done. For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before

to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places. Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm? Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

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John 10:31-42

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. And many believed on him there.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 13:1-10

And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying,

Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

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Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and

deacons: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Job 32:1-22

So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned

Job. Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion. I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion. Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say. Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words: Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man. Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches. They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. I will speak, that I may be re-

freshed: I will open my lips and answer. Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

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Mark 15:40-47

There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem. And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone

unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Morning lessons

1 Kings 16:23-34

In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Eth-

baal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

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Philippians 1:12-30

But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but

also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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Evening psalms

47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round
about her; * count the number of her tow-
ers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Evening lessons

Job 29:1-20

Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street! The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up. The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to

me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand. My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

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Mark 16:1-20

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was

rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;

but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with

fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
* I will be exalted among the nations; I
will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the
God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 17:1-24

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain

in the land. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah. And it came to pass after these things, that

the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

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Philippians 2:1-11

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Evening psalms

87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

Evening lessons

1 Kings 8:22-30

And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, LORD God

of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven

thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

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Ephesians 2:11-22

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens

with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EVE OF HOLY CROSS

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF HOLY CROSS

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

Morning lessons

Numbers 21:4-9

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

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John 3:11-17

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have

seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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Evening psalms

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of

it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because

thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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1 Peter 3:17-22

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject

unto him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

HOLY CROSS DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

HOLY CROSS DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Morning psalms

40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 18:20-40

So Ahab sent unto all the children of Is-

rael, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleep-

eth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel,

and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

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Philippians 3:1-16

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circum-

cised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Neverthe-

less, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Job 33:1-33

Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words. Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up. Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay. Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee. Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying, I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me. Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy, He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths. Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man. Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters. For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain: So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat. His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out. Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth: He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man, To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak. If thou hast anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee. If not, hearken unto

me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

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Matthew 3:1-12

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every

tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 18:41-19:8

And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the

angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

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Philippians 3:17-4:7

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also,

true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Job 38:1-17

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment. And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

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Matthew 3:13-17

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like

a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 19:8-21

And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earth-

quake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon

him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

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Acts 5:34-42

Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed

him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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Evening psalms

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a

thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Evening lessons

Job 38:18-41

Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all. Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great? Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? Who

hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth? Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are? Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander

for lack of meat.

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John 11:45-57

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country

near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Morning lessons

1 Kings 21:1-16

And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. And Naboth said

to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the

inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

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1 Corinthians 1:1-19

Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with

all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas:

besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

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64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Job 40:1-24

Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said, Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. Then Job answered the LORD, and said, Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Gird up

thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous? Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him. Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret. Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee. Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. He taketh it with his

eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

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Matthew 4:1-11

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou

shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 21:17-29

And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, And will make thine house like the house of Jer-

oboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin. And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat. But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

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1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Where is the wise? where is the scribe?

where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was
the company of women who bore the tid-
ings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away;
* the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheep-
folds, * you shall be like a dove whose
wings are covered with silver, whose feath-
ers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan!
* O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged
mountain, at the hill which God chose for
his resting place? * truly, the LORD will
dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thou-
sand, even thousands of thousands; * the
Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led cap-
tivity captive; you have received gifts even
from your enemies, * that the LORD God
might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Job 41:1-11

Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook?
or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest
down? Canst thou put an hook into his
nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?
Will he make many supplications unto thee?
will he speak soft words unto thee? Will
he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou
take him for a servant for ever? Wilt thou
play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou
bind him for thy maidens? Shall the com-
panions make a banquet of him? shall they
part him among the merchants? Canst thou
fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head
with fish spears? Lay thine hand upon him,
remember the battle, do no more. Behold,
the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be
cast down even at the sight of him? None
is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then
is able to stand before me? Who hath pre-
vented me, that I should repay him? what-
soever is under the whole heaven is mine.

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Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus had heard that John was
cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;
And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt
in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast,
in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:
That it might be fulfilled which was spo-
ken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land

of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 22:1-28

And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him? And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. Then the king of Israel called an officer,

and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand. And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good. And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD? And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man

to his house in peace. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with

water of affliction, until I come in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

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1 Corinthians 2:1-13

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered

into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Evening lessons

Job 42:1-17

Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is

kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job. So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job. And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. So Job died, being old and full of days.

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Matthew 4:18-25

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases

and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thursday, September 21

ST. MATTHEW

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19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 8:11-20

For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your

dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

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Romans 10:1-15

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's

righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall

they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

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Evening psalms

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
* the desires of the wicked will perish.

Evening lessons

Job 28:12-28

But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place

thereof. For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

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Matthew 13:44-52

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among

the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. MATTHEW

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. MATTHEW

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 1:2-17

And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria,

and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed. And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back? And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words? And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. Again also he sent unto him

another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had

no son.

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1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, "How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?"

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Esther 1:1-19

Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace, In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of

the provinces, being before him: When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days. And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble. And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king. And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti

refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him. Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;) What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains? And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath. If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti

come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

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Matthew 5:11-16

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 2:1-18

And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said

unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the

LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

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1 Corinthians 4:1-7

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment:

yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

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Evening psalms

23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Esther 2:5-23

Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Es-

ther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women. Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it. And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her. Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;) Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was

given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name. Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king. And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the com-

mandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

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Matthew 5:17-20

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees,

ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom
of heaven.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 4:8-37

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. And he said, What then is to be

done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life. And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee. So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his ser-

vant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well: And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon

the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

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Acts 9:10-31

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all

that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and

let him down by the wall in a basket. And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus. Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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Evening psalms

34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Esther 3:1-4:3

After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence. Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is,

the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar. And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring. And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women,

in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day. The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed. When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

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Luke 3:7-18

Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore

fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the peo-

ple.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 5:1-19

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper. And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy. And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel. And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quar-

rel against me. And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there

is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD. In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

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1 Corinthians 4:8-21

Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye

are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?

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Evening psalms

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Esther 4:4-17

So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not. Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which

was before the king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

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Matthew 5:21-26

Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and

the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 5:19-27

And he said unto him, Go in peace. So

he departed from him a little way. But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

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1 Corinthians 5:1-8

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nei-

ther with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Esther 5:1-14

Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy

request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is; If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said. Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the ban-

quet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

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Matthew 5:23-37

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole

body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 6:1-23

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And

he put out his hand, and took it. Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.

And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

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1 Corinthians 5:9-6:8

I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person. Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a

fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

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Evening psalms

81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!
* that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat * and satisfy him with honey from
the rock.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all

the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Evening lessons

Esther 6:1-14

On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. And the king's servants said unto

him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour. Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour. And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered. And

Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

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Matthew 5:38-48

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute

you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves *
the fields of God as our possession."

13 O my God, make them like whirling
dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like
the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and
terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,
* that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for
ever; * let them be put to confusion and
perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name
is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most
High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 9:1-16

And Elisha the prophet called one of the
children of the prophets, and said unto him,
Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil
in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead: And
when thou comest thither, look out there
Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi,
and go in, and make him arise up from

among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber; Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead. And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain. And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel. And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel: And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah: And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled. Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the

man, and his communication. And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king. So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria. But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel. So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

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1 Corinthians 6:12-20

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for

the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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Evening psalms

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Evening lessons

Esther 7:1-10

So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom. Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage. Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that

there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

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Matthew 6:1-6, 6:16-18

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in

secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

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Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Job 38:1-7

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

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Hebrews 1:1-14

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall

perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Daniel 12:1-13

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise

shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that wait-

eth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

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Revelation 5:1-14

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when

he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * “All my fresh springs are in you.”

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be

glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 11:1-20

And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a

covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son. And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down. And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king. And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in. And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD. And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple. And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they

made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king. And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD. And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason. But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD. And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain. And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; between the king also and the people. And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD. And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and

came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house.

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1 Corinthians 7:10-24

And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or

how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches. Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

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Evening psalms

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Hosea 1:1-2:1

The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son. And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel, in the valley of Jezreel. And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away. But I will

have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God. Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

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Matthew 6:19-24

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there

will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 17:1-18

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. And the king of Assyria found conspir-

acy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto

them, Ye shall not do this thing. Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

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Acts 9:36-43

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

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Evening psalms

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very
present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth be moved, * and though the moun-
tains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God
of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Evening lessons

Hosea 2:2-14

Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms. For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast

days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

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Luke 5:1-11

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Si-

mon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 17:24-41

And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them. Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites

burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence. Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. So these nations feared

the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

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1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you. But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

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Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Hosea 2:14-23

Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD. And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. And I will

sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

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Matthew 6:25-34

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the

Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Morning lessons

2 Chronicles 30:1-27

And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all

the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. Now be ye not stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them cap-

tive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites. For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD. For a multitude

of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD. And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers. And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness. For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of

the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

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1 Corinthians 7:32-40

But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age,

and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry. Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well. So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better. The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

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94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

95 Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

Evening lessons

Hosea 4:1-10

Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me:

therefore will I change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

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Matthew 7:1-12

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one

that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue;
* they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 18:9-25

And it came to pass in the fourth year of
king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year

of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is in the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them. Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with

a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I now come

up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of him. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this lib-

erty of your's become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

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Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Hosea 4:11-19

Whoredom and wine and new wine take
away the heart. My people ask counsel at
their stocks, and their staff declareth unto
them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath
caused them to err, and they have gone a
whoring from under their God. They sac-
rifice upon the tops of the mountains, and
burn incense upon the hills, under oaks
and poplars and elms, because the shadow
thereof is good: therefore your daughters
shall commit whoredom, and your spouses
shall commit adultery. I will not punish
your daughters when they commit whore-
dom, nor your spouses when they com-
mit adultery: for themselves are separated
with whores, and they sacrifice with har-
lots: therefore the people that doth not un-

derstand shall fall. Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth. For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

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Matthew 7:13-21

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither

can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 18:28-37

Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their

country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

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1 Corinthians 9:1-15

Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is

written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

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Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Hosea 5:8-6:6

Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin. Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days

will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

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Matthew 7:22-29

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell

not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

2 Kings 19:1-20

And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and

Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left. So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the

king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only. Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, say-

ing, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

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1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. Know

ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

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Evening psalms

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Hosea 10:1-15

Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images. Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images. For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us? They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water. The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us;

and to the hills, Fall on us. O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children. So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

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Matthew 8:1-17

When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out

into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 19:21-36

This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel. I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of

besieged places. Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he

return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

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1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them;

as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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Evening psalms

33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Hosea 11:1-9

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. He shall not return into the land of Egypt, and the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels. And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together. I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God,

and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

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Matthew 8:18-27

Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 20:1-21

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and

have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz. At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present

unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon. And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days? And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool,

and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

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Acts 12:1-17

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell

off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace,

declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

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145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Hosea 13:4-14

Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me. I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath. The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children. I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I

will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

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Luke 7:11-17

And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried
up, * and he led them through the deep as
through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 21:1-18

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five

years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom

the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own

house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

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1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth. Whatsoever is sold in the

shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake: For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,
* and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled

over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, * when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them * and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, * that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; * and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Hosea 14:1-9

O israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take

with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

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Matthew 8:28-34

And when he was come to the other side

into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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120 Ad Dominum

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; * I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips * and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, * O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, * along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech * and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live * among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, * but when I speak of it, they are for war.

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let
us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your
gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at
unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise
the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May
they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
* I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to 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,
* for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 22:1-13

Josiah was eight years old when he began

to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people: And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the

hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

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1 Corinthians 11:2-22

Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesy-

ing, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God. Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there

be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

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124 Nisi quia Dominus

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up
alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us * and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone
right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! * he has not given
us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like
Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved,
but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so
does the LORD stand round about his peo-
ple, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

127 Nisi Dominus

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city,
* in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go
to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread
of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! * he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the
gate.

Evening lessons

Micah 1:1-9

The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that

therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the LORD from his holy temple. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot. Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls. For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

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Matthew 9:1-8

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.

Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, * for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, * for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise
* as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,
* and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.

Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
* search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 22:14-23:3

So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto

thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again. And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

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1 Corinthians 11:23-34

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the

same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

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128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth," * let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth, * but they have not prevailed
against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has
cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their

sins.

Evening lessons

Micah 2:1-13

Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil. In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields. Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD. Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame. O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good

to him that walketh uprightly? Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war. The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever. Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction. If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people. I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

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Matthew 9:9-17

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the

receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

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131 Domine, non est

1 O LORD, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore.

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my

Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

133 Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 23:4-25

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and

he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the

horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word

of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel. And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem. And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant. Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem. Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the

words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the LORD. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of

miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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Evening psalms

134 Ecce nunc

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, * you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

135 Laudate nomen

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the LORD; * give praise, you servants of the LORD.

2 You 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 good; * sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself * and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, * in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; * he sends out lightning with the rain, and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, * the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, * against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations * and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, * and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, * an inheritance for Israel his people.

13 O LORD, your Name is everlasting; * your renown, O LORD, endures from age to age.

14 For the LORD gives his people justice * and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; * neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; * O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Micah 3:1-8

And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment? Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the

sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

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Matthew 9:18-26

While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not

dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

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140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir
up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like
a serpent; * adder's poison is under their
lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked; * protect me from the violent,
who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me
and stretched out a net of cords; * they
have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my
God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplica-
tion.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salva-
tion, * you have covered my head in the
day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O
LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up
their heads; * let the evil of their lips over-
whelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise

up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those

who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 23:36-24:17

Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedai-ah of Rumah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets. Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for

the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt. Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it. And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which

Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

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1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand,

I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

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Evening psalms

141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they
have laid for me * and from the traps of
the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
* while I myself escape.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,
* for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for
you are my God; * let your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's
sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring
me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly
I am your servant.

Evening lessons

Micah 3:9-4:5

Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest. But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be estab-

lished in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

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Matthew 9:27-34

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them,

Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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137 Super flumina

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *

and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, * no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! * happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 35:1-19

The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house

of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever: Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem

for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem. Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD. The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them,

but they have not answered. And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

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1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though

I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

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Evening psalms

104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Micah 5:1-15

Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter
of troops: he hath laid siege against us:
they shall smite the judge of Israel with a
rod upon the cheek. But thou, Bethlehem
Ephratah, though thou be little among the
thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall
he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in
Israel; whose goings forth have been from
of old, from everlasting. Therefore will
he give them up, until the time that she
which travaileth hath brought forth: then
the remnant of his brethren shall return unto
the children of Israel. And he shall stand

and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds: And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

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Matthew 9:35-10:4

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son

of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thad-daeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Is-cariot, who also betrayed him.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 36:1-10

And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD

hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house. And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

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Acts 14:8-18

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia,

The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

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Evening psalms

111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Micah 6:1-8

Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD. Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

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Luke 7:36-50

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman?

I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *

how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people * who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; * surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your blessing be upon your people!

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 36:11-26

When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD, Then he went

down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be. And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. So the

king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them. But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy,

and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

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4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

* save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces * and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: * if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, * trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, * and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; * for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Evening lessons

Micah 7:1-7

Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape-

gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit. The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

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Matthew 10:5-15

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And

as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; * I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; * you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; * heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; * and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; * the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 36:27-37:2

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith the LORD

of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not. Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words. And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

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1 Corinthians 14:1-12

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh

not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

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10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD,
* and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
* but they are trapped in the schemes they
have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled

before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Evening lessons

Jonah 1:1-17

Now the word of the LORD came unto

Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou? And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. Then were the men exceed-

ingly afraid, and said unto him. Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. So they look up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows. Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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Matthew 10:16-23

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the

midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Morning lessons

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink

of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

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Luke 1:1-4

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

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67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let
all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let
all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
* may God, our own God, give us his bless-
ing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may
all the ends of the earth stand in awe of
him.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to
the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
* proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be
praised; * he is more to be feared than all
gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they
are but idols; * but it is the LORD who
made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! * Oh, the power and the splen-
dor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of
the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor
and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his
Name; * bring offerings and come into his
courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of ho-
liness; * let the whole earth tremble before
him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD
is King! * he has made the world so firm
that it cannot be moved; he will judge the
peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth
be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is
in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is
therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout

for joy before the LORD when he comes,
* when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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Acts 1:1-8

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. LUKE

Almighty God, who didst inspire thy servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son: Graciously continue in thy Church the like love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. LUKE

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies
and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 38:1-13

Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live. Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it. Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing against you. Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was

no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire. Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king saying, My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city. Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

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1 Corinthians 14:26-40

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not

to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Jonah 3:1-4:1

And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and

God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

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Matthew 10:34-42

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disci-

ple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide

me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 38:14-28

Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me. Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me? So Zedekiah the king swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life. Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house: But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD,

which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live. But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me: And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back. So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire. Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee: Then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and

he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we

preach, and so ye believed.

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Evening psalms

22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 1:1-27

[The Prologue of the Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach.] Whereas many and great things have been delivered unto us by the law and the prophets, and by others that have followed their steps, for the which things Israel ought to be commended for learning and wisdom; and whereof not only the readers must needs become skilful themselves, but also they that desire to learn be able to profit them which are without, both by speaking and writing: my grandfather Jesus, when he had much given himself to the reading of the law, and the prophets, and other books of our fathers, and had gotten therein good judgment, was drawn on also himself to write something pertaining to learning and wisdom; to the intent that those which are desirous to learn, and are addicted to these things, might profit much more in living according to the law. Wherefore let me intreat you to read it with favour and attention, and to pardon us, wherein we may seem to come short of some words, which we have laboured to interpret. For the same things uttered in Hebrew, and translated into another tongue, have not the same

force in them: and not only these things, but the law itself, and the prophets, and the rest of the books, have no small difference, when they are spoken in their own language. For in the eight and thirtieth year coming into Egypt, when Euergetes was king, and continuing there some time, I found a book of no small learning: therefore I thought it most necessary for me to bestow some diligence and travail to interpret it; using great watchfulness and skill in that space to bring the book to an end, and set it forth for them also, which in a strange country are willing to learn, being prepared before in manners to live after the law. All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever. Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom? Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom; and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels? [Unto whom hath the knowledge of wisdom been made manifest? and who hath understood her great experience?] There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her, and numbered her,

and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gift, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and giveth joy, and gladness, and a long life. Whoso feareth the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he shall find favour in the day of his death. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and it was created with the faithful in the womb. She hath built an everlasting foundation with men, and she shall continue with their seed. To fear the Lord is fulness of wisdom, and filleth men with her fruits. She filleth all their house with things desirable, and the garners with her increase. The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health to flourish; both which are the gifts of God: and it enlargeth their rejoicing that love him. Wisdom raineth down skill and knowledge of understanding standing, and exalteth them to honour that hold her fast. The root of wisdom is to fear the Lord, and the branches thereof are long life. The fear of the Lord driveth away sins: and where it is present, it turneth away wrath. A furious man cannot be justified; for the sway of his fury shall be his destruction. A patient man will tear for a time, and afterward joy shall spring up unto him. He will hide his words for a time, and the lips of many shall declare

his wisdom. The parables of knowledge are in the treasures of wisdom: but godliness is an abomination to a sinner. If thou desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord shall give her unto thee. For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction: and faith and meekness are his delight.

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Matthew 11:1-6

And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

2 Kings 25:8-26

And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away. But the captain of the guard left of the door of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and hus-

bandmen. And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work. And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city: And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah: And

the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land. And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler. And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you. But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

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1 Corinthians 15:12-29

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things

under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

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Evening psalms

110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-31

My son, go on with thy business in meekness; so shalt thou be beloved of him that is approved. The greater thou art, the more humble thyself, and thou shalt find favour

before the Lord. Many are in high place, and of renown: but mysteries are revealed unto the meek. For the power of the Lord is great, and he is honoured of the lowly. Seek not out things that are too hard for thee, neither search the things that are above thy strength. But what is commanded thee, think thereupon with reverence, for it is not needful for thee to see with thine eyes the things that are in secret. Be not curious in unnecessary matters: for more things are shewed unto thee than men understand. For many are deceived by their own vain opinion; and an evil suspicion hath overthrown their judgment. Without eyes thou shalt want light: profess not the knowledge therefore that thou hast not. A stubborn heart shall fare evil at the last; and he that loveth danger shall perish therein. An obstinate heart shall be laden with sorrows; and the wicked man shall heap sin upon sin. In the punishment of the proud there is no remedy; for the plant of wickedness hath taken root in him. The heart of the prudent will understand a parable; and an attentive ear is the desire of a wise man. Water will quench a flaming fire; and alms maketh an atonement for sins. And he that requiteth good turns is mindful of that which may come hereafter; and when he falleth, he shall find a stay.

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Matthew 11:7-15

And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
* for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away

captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this

place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

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Acts 16:6-15

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Mace-

donia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

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Evening psalms

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 4:1-10

My son, defraud not the poor of his living, and make not the needy eyes to wait long. Make not an hungry soul sorrowful; neither provoke a man in his distress. Add not more trouble to an heart that is vexed; and defer not to give to him that is in need. Reject not the supplication of the afflicted; neither turn away thy face from a poor man. Turn not away thine eye from the needy, and give him none occasion to curse thee: For if he curse thee in the bitterness of his soul, his prayer shall be heard of him that made him. Get thyself the love of the congregation, and bow thy head to a great man. Let it not grieve thee to bow down thine ear to the poor, and give him a friendly answer with meekness. Deliver him that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressor; and be not fainthearted

when thou sittest in judgment. Be as a father unto the fatherless, and instead of an husband unto their mother: so shalt thou be as the son of the most High, and he shall love thee more than thy mother doth.

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Luke 10:1-20

After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein,

and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday, October 23

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM

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Morning psalms

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
* the desires of the wicked will perish.

Morning lessons

Jeremiah 11:18-23

And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou shewedst me their doings. But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause. Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine: And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.

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Matthew 10:16-22

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

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Evening psalms

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a

rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

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Hebrews 12:12-24

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:.) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spir-

its of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM

Grant, we beseech thee, O God, that after the example of thy servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, thy Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Morning lessons

Lamentations 1:1-12

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. Her adversaries

are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer. Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths. Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward. Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself. The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation. All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done

unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

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1 Corinthians 15:41-50

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth cor-

ruption inherit incorruption.

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Evening psalms

36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those

who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and

cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions * and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, * for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; * truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; * hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, * before I go my way and am no more.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17

Sweet language will multiply friends: and a fairspeaking tongue will increase kind

greetings. Be in peace with many: nevertheless have but one counsellor of a thousand. If thou wouldest get a friend, prove him first and be not hasty to credit him. For some man is a friend for his own occasion, and will not abide in the day of thy trouble. And there is a friend, who being turned to enmity, and strife will discover thy reproach. Again, some friend is a companion at the table, and will not continue in the day of thy affliction. But in thy prosperity he will be as thyself, and will be bold over thy servants. If thou be brought low, he will be against thee, and will hide himself from thy face. Separate thyself from thine enemies, and take heed of thy friends. A faithfull friend is a strong defence: and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure. Nothing doth countervail a faithful friend, and his excellency is invaluable. A faithful friend is the medicine of life; and they that fear the Lord shall find him. Whoso feareth the Lord shall direct his friendship aright: for as he is, so shall his neighbour be also.

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Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things

from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, October 25**Morning psalms**

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Morning psalms

38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back
from my affliction; * my neighbors stand
afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

Morning lessons

Lamentations 2:8-15

The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD. The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city. They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom. What thing

shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee? Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment. All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

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1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is

thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings
* and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which
I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your com-
mandments, * and I will meditate on your
statutes.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 7:4-14

Seek not of the Lord preeminence, neither of the king the seat of honour. justify not thyself before the Lord; and boast not of thy wisdom before the king. Seek not to be judge, being not able to take away iniquity; lest at any time thou fear the person of the mighty, an stumblingblock in the way of thy uprightness. Offend not against the multitude of a city, and then thou shalt not cast thyself down among the people. Bind not one sin upon another; for in one thou shalt not be unpunished. Say not, God will look upon the multitude of my oblations, and when I offer to the most high God, he will accept it. Be not faint-hearted when thou makest thy prayer, and neglect not to give alms. Laugh no man to scorn in the bitterness of his soul: for there

is one which humbleth and exalteth. Devise not a lie against thy brother; neither do the like to thy friend. Use not to make any manner of lie: for the custom thereof is not good. Use not many words in a multitude of elders, and make not much babbling when thou prayest.

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Matthew 12:1-14

At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sac-

rifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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37

Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

Ezra 1:1-11

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth

of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the trea-

surer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

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1 Corinthians 16:1-9

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me. Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia. And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go. For I will not see you now

by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 10:1-18

A wise judge will instruct his people; and the government of a prudent man is well ordered. As the judge of the people is himself, so are his officers; and what manner of man the ruler of the city is, such are all they that dwell therein. An unwise king destroyeth his people; but through the prudence of them which are in authority the city shall be inhabited. The power of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, and in due time he will set over it one that is prof-

itable. In the hand of God is the prosperity of man: and upon the person of the scribe shall he lay his honour. Bear not hatred to thy neighbour for every wrong; and do nothing at all by injurious practices. Pride is hateful before God and man: and by both doth one commit iniquity. Because of unrighteous dealings, injuries, and riches got by deceit, the kingdom is translated from one people to another. Why is earth and ashes proud? There is not a more wicked thing than a covetous man: for such an one setteth his own soul to sale; because while he liveth he casteth away his bowels. The physician cutteth off a long disease; and he that is to day a king to morrow shall die. For when a man is dead, he shall inherit creeping things, beasts, and worms. The beginning of pride is when one departeth from God, and his heart is turned away from his Maker. For pride is the beginning of sin, and he that hath it shall pour out abomination: and therefore the Lord brought upon them strange calamities, and overthrew them utterly. The Lord hath cast down the thrones of proud princes, and set up the meek in their stead. The Lord hath plucked up the roots of the proud nations, and planted the lowly in their place. The Lord overthrew countries of the heathen, and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. He took some of them away, and destroyed them, and hath made their memorial to cease from the earth. Pride

was not made for men, nor furious anger for them that are born of a woman.

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Matthew 12:15-21

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them that they should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD!
which you have laid up for those who fear
you; * which you have done in the sight of
all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your
presence from those who slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the
strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown
me the wonders of his love in a besieged
city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut
off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nev-
ertheless, you heard the sound of my en-
treaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship
him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but
repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage,
* all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

Ezra 3:1-13

And when the seventh month was come,
and the children of Israel were in the cities,
the people gathered themselves together

as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD. From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia. Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of

Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

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1 Corinthians 16:10-24

Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do. Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren. As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity. I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth. I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. For they have refreshed my spirit and your's: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such. The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss. The salutation of

me Paul with mine own hand. If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Evening psalms

35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 11:2-20

Commend not a man for his beauty; neither abhor a man for his outward appearance. The bee is little among such as fly; but her fruit is the chief of sweet things. Boast not of thy clothing and raiment, and exalt not thyself in the day of honour: for the works of the Lord are wonderful, and his works among men are hidden. Many kings have sat down upon the ground; and one that was never thought of hath worn the crown. Many mighty men have been greatly disgraced; and the honourable delivered into other men's hands. Blame not before thou hast examined the truth: understand first, and then rebuke. Answer not before thou hast heard the cause: neither interrupt men in the midst of their talk. Strive not in a matter that concerneth thee not; and sit not in judgment with sinners. My son, meddle not with many matters: for if thou meddle much, thou shalt not be innocent; and if thou follow after, thou shalt not obtain, neither shalt thou escape by fleeing. There is one that laboureth, and taketh pains, and maketh haste, and is so much the more behind. Again, there is another that is slow, and hath need of help, wanting ability, and full of poverty; yet the eye of the Lord looked upon him for good, and set him up from his low es-

tate, And lifted up his head from misery; so that many that saw from him is peace over all the Prosperity and adversity, life and death, poverty and riches, come of the Lord. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the law, are of the Lord: love, and the way of good works, are from him. Error and darkness had their beginning together with sinners: and evil shall wax old with them that glory therein. The gift of the Lord remaineth with the ungodly, and his favour bringeth prosperity for ever. There is that waxeth rich by his wariness and pinching, and this his the portion of his reward: Whereas he saith, I have found rest, and now will eat continually of my goods; and yet he knoweth not what time shall come upon him, and that he must leave those things to others, and die. Be stedfast in thy covenant, and be conversant therein, and wax old in thy work.

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Matthew 12:22-32

Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard

it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, October 28

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

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Morning psalms

66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 28:9-16

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

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Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and car-

ried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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Evening psalms

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Isaiah 4:2-6

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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John 14:15-31

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may

abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard

how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

O God, we thank thee for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, October 29

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Haggai 1:1-2:9

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. Ye looked for

much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD. Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king. In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Hag-

gai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Acts 18:24-19:7

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were

baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

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Evening psalms

103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 18:19-33

Learn before thou speak, and use physick or ever thou be sick. Before judgment examine thyself, and in the day of visitation thou shalt find mercy. Humble thyself before thou be sick, and in the time of sins shew repentance. Let nothing hinder thee to pay thy vow in due time, and defer not until death to be justified. Before thou prayest, prepare thyself; and be not as one that tempteth the Lord. Think upon the wrath that shall be at the end, and the time of vengeance, when he shall turn away his face. When thou hast enough, remember the time of hunger: and when thou art rich, think upon poverty and need. From the morning until the evening the time is changed, and all things are soon done before the Lord. A wise man will fear in every thing, and in the day of sinning he will beware of offence: but a fool will not observe time. Every man of understanding knoweth wisdom, and will give praise unto him that found her. They that were of understanding in sayings became also wise themselves, and poured forth exquisite parables. Go not after thy lusts, but refrain thyself from thine appetites. If thou givest thy soul the

desires that please her, she will make thee a laughingstock to thine enemies that malign thee. Take not pleasure in much good cheer, neither be tied to the expence thereof. Be not made a beggar by banqueting upon borrowing, when thou hast nothing in thy purse: for thou shalt lie in wait for thine own life, and be talked on.

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Luke 10:25-37

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him,

he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday, October 30**Morning psalms**

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

Morning lessons

Zechariah 1:7-17

Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and,

behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

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Revelation 1:4-20

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which

are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot,

and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

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44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 19:4-17

He that is hasty to give credit is lightminded; and he that sinneth shall offend against his own soul. Whoso taketh pleasure in wickedness shall be condemned: but he that resisteth pleasures crowneth his life. He that can rule his tongue shall live without strife; and he that hateth babbling shall have less evil. Rehearse not unto another that which is told unto thee, and thou shalt fare never

the worse. Whether it be to friend or foe, talk not of other men's lives; and if thou canst without offence, reveal them not. For he heard and observed thee, and when time cometh he will hate thee. If thou hast heard a word, let it die with thee; and be bold, it will not burst thee. A fool travaileth with a word, as a woman in labour of a child. As an arrow that sticketh in a man's thigh, so is a word within a fool's belly. Admonish a friend, it may be he hath not done it: and if he have done it, that he do it no more. Admonish thy friend, it may be he hath not said it: and if he have, that he speak it not again. Admonish a friend: for many times it is a slander, and believe not every tale. There is one that slippeth in his speech, but not from his heart; and who is he that hath not offended with his tongue? Admonish thy neighbour before thou threaten him; and not being angry, give place to the law of the most High.

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Matthew 12:43-50

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then

goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday, October 31

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8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD

are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Morning lessons

Ezra 5:1-17

Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak,

and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them. At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall? Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter. The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace. Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls? We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them. And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven

and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up. But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God. And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished. Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

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Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts

had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

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Evening psalms

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with

fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
* I will be exalted among the nations; I
will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the
God of Jacob is our stronghold.

34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his
praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the hum-
ble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the
LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
* and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let
not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD
heard me * and saved me from all my trou-
bles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses
those who fear him, * and he will deliver
them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,
* for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
* but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I
will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires
long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek
peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the
righteous, * and his ears are open to their
cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those
who do evil, * to root out the remembrance
of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears
them * and delivers them from all their
troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
* and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous,
* but the LORD will deliver him out of
them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for

ever. They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

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Revelation 19:1-10

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb

is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EVE OF ALL SAINTS

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF ALL SAINTS

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Wednesday, November 1

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111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

Morning lessons

2 Esdras 2:42-47

I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly. So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these? He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms. Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands? So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of

the Lord.

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Hebrews 11:32-12:2

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for

us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Wisdom 5:1-16

Then shall the righteous man stand in great

boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours. When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, This was he, whom we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach: We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour: How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints! Therefore have we erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness hath not shined unto us, and the sun of righteousness rose not upon us. We wearied ourselves in the way of wickedness and destruction: yea, we have gone through deserts, where there lay no way: but as for the way of the Lord, we have not known it. What hath pride profited us? or what good hath riches with our vaunting brought us? All those things are passed away like a shadow, and as a post that hasted by; And as a ship that passeth over the waves of the water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the pathway of the keel in the waves; Or as when a bird hath flown through the air, there is no token of her way to be found, but the light air being beaten with the stroke of her wings and parted with the violent noise and motion of them, is passed through, and therein

afterwards no sign where she went is to be found; Or like as when an arrow is shot at a mark, it parteth the air, which immediately cometh together again, so that a man cannot know where it went through: Even so we in like manner, as soon as we were born, began to draw to our end, and had no sign of virtue to shew; but were consumed in our own wickedness. For the hope of the Godly is like dust that is blown away with the wind; like a thin froth that is driven away with the storm; like as the smoke which is dispersed here and there with a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a day. But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

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Revelation 21:1-4, 21:22-22:5

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, pre-

pared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the

leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Morning psalms

50 Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
* the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, * and the
creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
* for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; * I
will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

16 But to the wicked God says: * Why do
you recite my statutes, and take my covenant
upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, * and toss
my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him
your friend, * and you cast in your lot with
adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your
brother * and slandering your own mother’s
son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, * and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; * I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 1:1-11

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down

and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this

day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

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Revelation 5:11-6:11

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the

second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowser-vants also and their brethren, that should

be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

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Evening psalms

59 Eripe me de inimicis

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against
me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers * and save me
from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life, how
the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O LORD.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine * they
run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and
see; * for you, LORD God of hosts, are
Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless
and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; * they
snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; * "For who,"
they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O LORD, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength;
* for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me;
* God will let me look in triumph on my
enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people for-
get; * send them reeling by your might and
put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the
words of their lips, for the cursing and lies
that they utter, * let them be caught in their
pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no
more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in
Jacob, * and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, * and if they are
not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength;
* I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my
merciful God.

60 Deus, repulisti nos

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; * you have been angry; oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; * repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; * you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, * to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, * that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me to Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 31:12-32:2

If thou sit at a bountiful table, be not greedy upon it, and say not, There is much meat on it. Remember that a wicked eye is an evil thing: and what is created more wicked than an eye? therefore it weepeth upon every occasion. Stretch not thine hand whithersoever it looketh, and thrust it not with him into the dish. Judge not thy neighbour by thyself: and be discreet in every point. Eat as it becometh a man, those things which are set before thee; and devour note, lest thou be hated. Leave off first for manners' sake; and be not unsatiated, lest thou offend. When thou sittest among many, reach not thine hand out first of all. A very little is sufficient for a man well nurtured, and he fetcheth not his wind short upon his bed. Sound sleep cometh of moderate eating: he riseth early, and his wits are with him: but the pain of watching, and choler, and pangs of the belly, are with an unsatiable man. And if thou hast been forced to eat, arise, go forth, vomit, and thou shalt have rest. My son, hear

me, and despise me not, and at the last thou shalt find as I told thee: in all thy works be quick, so shall there no sickness come unto thee. Whoso is liberal of his meat, men shall speak well of him; and the report of his good housekeeping will be believed. But against him that is a niggard of his meat the whole city shall murmur; and the testimonies of his niggardness shall not be doubted of. Shew not thy valiantness in wine; for wine hath destroyed many. The furnace proveth the edge by dipping: so doth wine the hearts of the proud by drunkenness. Wine is as good as life to a man, if it be drunk moderately: what life is then to a man that is without wine? for it was made to make men glad. Wine measurably drunk and in season bringeth gladness of the heart, and cheerfulness of the mind: But wine drunken with excess maketh bitterness of the mind, with brawling and quarrelling. Drunkenness increaseth the rage of a fool till he offend: it diminisheth strength, and maketh wounds. Rebuke not thy neighbour at the wine, and despise him not in his mirth: give him no despiteful words, and press not upon him with urging him [to drink.] If thou be made the master [of a feast,] lift not thyself up, but be among them as one of the rest; take diligent care for them, and so sit down. And when thou hast done all thy office, take thy place, that thou mayest be merry with them, and receive a crown for thy well

ordering of the feast.

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Matthew 13:18-23

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday, November 3**Morning psalms**

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40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 2:1-20

And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in

the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, ac-

according to the good hand of my God upon me. Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let

us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

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Revelation 6:12-7:4

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and

the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 34:1-22

The hopes of a man void of understanding are vain and false: and dreams lift up fools. Whoso regardeth dreams is like him that catcheth at a shadow, and followeth after the wind. The vision of dreams is the resemblance of one thing to another, even as the likeness of a face to a face. Of an unclean thing what can be cleansed? and from that thing which is false what truth can come? Divinations, and soothsayings, and dreams, are vain: and the heart fancieth, as a woman's heart in travail. If they be not sent from the most High in thy visitation, set not thy heart upon them. For dreams have deceived many, and they have failed that put their trust in them. The law shall be found perfect without lies: and wisdom is perfection to a faithful mouth. A man that hath travelled knoweth many things; and he that hath much experience will declare wisdom. He that hath no experience knoweth little: but he that hath travelled is full of prudence. When I travelled, I saw many things; and I understand more than I can express. I was oftentimes in danger of death: yet I was delivered because of these things. The spirit of those that fear the Lord shall live; for their hope is in him that saveth them. Whoso feareth the Lord shall not fear nor be afraid; for he

is his hope. Blessed is the soul of him that feareth the Lord: to whom doth he look? and who is his strength? For the eyes of the Lord are upon them that love him, he is their mighty protection and strong stay, a defence from heat, and a cover from the sun at noon, a preservation from stumbling, and an help from falling. He raiseth up the soul, and lighteneth the eyes: he giveth health, life, and blessing. He that sacrificeth of a thing wrongfully gotten, his offering is ridiculous; and the gifts of unjust men are not accepted. The most High is not pleased with the offerings of the wicked; neither is he pacified for sin by the multitude of sacrifices. Whoso bringeth an offering of the goods of the poor doeth as one that killeth the son before his father's eyes. The bread of the needy is their life: he that defraudeth him thereof is a man of blood. He that taketh away his neighbour's living slayeth him; and he that defraudeth the labourer of his hire is a bloodshedder.

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Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his

field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, November 4

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 4:1-23

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? Now Tobiah the Ammonite was

by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you. Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on

the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses. And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears

from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day. So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing.

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Revelation 7:4-17

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph

were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all

tears from their eyes.

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Evening psalms

138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 35:1-17

He that keepeth the law bringeth offerings enough: he that taketh heed to the commandment offereth a peace offering. He that requiteth a goodturn offereth fine flour; and he that giveth alms sacrificeth praise. To depart from wickedness is a thing pleasing to the Lord; and to forsake unrighteousness is a propitiation. Thou shalt not appear empty before the Lord. For all these things [are to be done] because of the commandment. The offering of the righteous maketh the altar fat, and the sweet savour thereof is before the most High. The sacrifice of a just man is acceptable. and the memorial thereof shall never be forgotten. Give the Lord his honour with a good eye, and diminish not the firstfruits of thine hands. In all thy gifts shew a cheerful countenance,

and dedicate thy tithes with gladness. Give unto the most High according as he hath enriched thee; and as thou hast gotten, give with a cheerful eye. For the Lord recompenseth, and will give thee seven times as much. Do not think to corrupt with gifts; for such he will not receive: and trust not to unrighteous sacrifices; for the Lord is judge, and with him is no respect of persons. He will not accept any person against a poor man, but will hear the prayer of the oppressed. He will not despise the supplication of the fatherless; nor the widow, when she poureth out her complaint. Do not the tears run down the widow's cheeks? and is not her cry against him that causeth them to fall? He that serveth the Lord shall be accepted with favour, and his prayer shall reach unto the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierceth the clouds: and till it come nigh, he will not be comforted; and will not depart, till the most High shall behold to judge righteously, and execute judgment.

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Matthew 13:31-55

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown,

it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom

of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother

called Mary? and his brethren, James, and
Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, November 5

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24 Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

29 Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 5:1-19

And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live. Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards. And I was very an-

gry when I heard their cry and these words. Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer. Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury. Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise. Moreover from the time

that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God. Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us. Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

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Acts 20:7-12

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

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Evening psalms

8 Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted

is your Name in all the world!

84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a

thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
* he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold
* from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 36:1-17

Have mercy upon us, O Lord God of all, and behold us: And send thy fear upon all the nations that seek not after thee. Lift up thy hand against the strange nations, and let them see thy power. As thou wast sanctified in us before them: so be thou magnified among them before us. And let them know thee, as we have known thee, that there is no God but only thou, O God. Shew new signs, and make other strange wonders: glorify thy hand and thy right arm, that they may set forth thy wondrous works. Raise up indignation, and pour out wrath: take away the adversary, and destroy the enemy. Sake the time short, re-

member the covenant, and let them declare thy wonderful works. Let him that escapeth be consumed by the rage of the fire; and let them perish that oppress the people. Smite in sunder the heads of the rulers of the heathen, that say, There is none other but we. Gather all the tribes of Jacob together, and inherit thou them, as from the beginning. O Lord, have mercy upon the people that is called by thy name, and upon Israel, whom thou hast named thy firstborn. O be merciful unto Jerusalem, thy holy city, the place of thy rest. Fill Sion with thine unspeakable oracles, and thy people with thy glory: Give testimony unto those that thou hast possessed from the beginning, and raise up prophets that have been in thy name. Reward them that wait for thee, and let thy prophets be found faithful. O Lord, hear the prayer of thy servants, according to the blessing of Aaron over thy people, that all they which dwell upon the earth may know that thou art the Lord, the eternal God.

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Luke 12:22-31

And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body,

what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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56 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; * all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; * truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, * I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; * their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; * they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; * are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and will not be afraid, * for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; * I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; * in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, * the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; * God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; * their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; * they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart

is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;
* I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? * do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, * and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; * liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, * they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, * no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; * pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off;
* let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away,
* like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; * like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; * they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say, “Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; * surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 6:1-19

Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent

messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands. Afterward I came unto the house of She-maiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I

am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me. My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear. So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God. Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them. For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshulam the son of Berechiah. Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

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Revelation 10:1-11

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the

angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

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64 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; * protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, * from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, * and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; * they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; * they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, “Who will see us? who will find out our crimes? * we have thought out a perfect plot.”

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; * but God will loose an arrow at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, * and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God’s deeds; * they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, * and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, * because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but
you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and
draw to your courts to dwell there! * they
will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; * they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the
roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing
for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abun-
dantly; you make it very plenteous; * the
river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 38:24-34

The wisdom of a learned man cometh by opportunity of leisure: and he that hath little business shall become wise. How can he get wisdom that holdeth the plough, and that glorieth in the goad, that driveth oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and whose talk is of bullocks? He giveth his mind to make furrows; and is diligent to give the kine fodder. So every carpenter and workmaster, that laboureth night and day: and

they that cut and grave seals, and are diligent to make great variety, and give themselves to counterfeit imagery, and watch to finish a work: The smith also sitting by the anvil, and considering the iron work, the vapour of the fire wasteth his flesh, and he fighteth with the heat of the furnace: the noise of the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears, and his eyes look still upon the pattern of the thing that he maketh; he setteth his mind to finish his work, and watcheth to polish it perfectly: So doth the potter sitting at his work, and turning the wheel about with his feet, who is always carefully set at his work, and maketh all his work by number; He fashioneth the clay with his arm, and boweth down his strength before his feet; he applieth himself to lead it over; and he is diligent to make clean the furnace: All these trust to their hands: and every one is wise in his work. Without these cannot a city be inhabited: and they shall not dwell where they will, nor go up and down: They shall not be sought for in publick counsel, nor sit high in the congregation: they shall not sit on the judges' seat, nor understand the sentence of judgment: they cannot declare justice and judgment; and they shall not be found where parables are spoken. But they will maintain the state of the world, and [all] their desire is in the work of their craft.

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Matthew 13:36-43

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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61 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, * and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; * set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, * a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; * I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; * you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; * let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; * bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, * and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

62 Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, * as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; * lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, * but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 12:27-47

And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Ne-tophathi; Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the

princes of Judah, And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph: And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward. And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate. So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang

loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited. And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

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Revelation 11:1-19

And there was given me a reed like unto

a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make

merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them

which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

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68 Exsurgat Deus

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land

when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; * the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, * you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver, whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! * O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain, at the hill which God chose for his resting place? * truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; * the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, * that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, * the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; * God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; * I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, * the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, * your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, * in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; * bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; * and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; * es-

tablish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, * for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, * and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; * scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; * let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22

The pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious shew; The sun when it appeareth, declaring at his rising a marvellous instrument, the work of the most High: At noon it parcheth the country, and who can abide the burning heat thereof? A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat, but the sun burneth the mountains three times more; breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes. Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment runneth hastily. He made the moon also to serve in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world. From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection. The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven; The beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord. At the commandment of the Holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches. Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof. It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the most High have bended it. By his commandment he maketh the snow to fall apace, and sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgment. Through this the treasures are opened: and clouds

fly forth as fowls. By his great power he maketh the clouds firm, and the hailstones are broken small. At his sight the mountains are shaken, and at his will the south wind bloweth. The noise of the thunder maketh the earth to tremble: so doth the northern storm and the whirlwind: as birds flying he scattereth the snow, and the falling down thereof is as the lighting of grasshoppers: The eye marvelleth at the beauty of the whiteness thereof, and the heart is astonished at the raining of it. The hoarfrost also as salt he poureth on the earth, and being congealed, it lieth on the top of sharp stakes. When the cold north wind bloweth, and the water is congealed into ice, it abideth upon every gathering together of water, and clotheth the water as with a breastplate. It devoureth the mountains, and burneth the wilderness, and consumeth the grass as fire. A present remedy of all is a mist coming speedily, a dew coming after heat refresheth.

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Matthew 13:44-52

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is

like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

72 Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, * and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,
* and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, * and the oppressed who
has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-
pression and violence, * and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be
given to him gold from Arabia; * may prayer
be made for him always, and may they bless
him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the
earth, growing thick even on the hilltops;
* may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and
its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of
Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for
ever! * and may all the earth be filled with
his glory. Amen. Amen.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 13:4-22

And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah: And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests. But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king: And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff to Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense. And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them to-

gether, and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof. In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and

charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

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Revelation 12:1-12

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon

stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

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Yodh Manus tu fecerunt me

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph Defecit in salutare

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; * I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for

your promise, * and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, * but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? * when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; * help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, * but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, * that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh In aeternum, Domine

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; * it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, * for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, * I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments,
* because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me!
* for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me
to destroy me, * I will apply my mind to
your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 43:23-33

By his counsel he appeaseth the deep, and
planteth islands therein. They that sail on
the sea tell of the danger thereof; and when
we hear it with our ears, we marvel thereat.
For therein be strange and wondrous works,
variety of all kinds of beasts and whales
created. By him the end of them hath pros-
perous success, and by his word all things
consist. We may speak much, and yet come
short: wherefore in sum, he is all. How
shall we be able to magnify him? for he
is great above all his works. The Lord is
terrible and very great, and marvellous is
his power. When ye glorify the Lord, ex-
alt him as much as ye can; for even yet will

he far exceed: and when ye exalt him, put forth all your strength, and be not weary; for ye can never go far enough. Who hath seen him, that he might tell us? and who can magnify him as he is? There are yet hid greater things than these be, for we have seen but a few of his works. For the Lord hath made all things; and to the godly hath he given wisdom.

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Matthew 13:53-58

And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, in-somuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

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70 Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the LORD!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

71 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; * let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, * from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, * my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; * but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise * and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; * forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, * and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; * because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; * come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, * and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; * though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; * I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, * and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, * till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, * but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; * you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; * I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, * and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, * for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

Morning lessons

Ezra 7:1-26

Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, The son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest: This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up

from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel. Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand; And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem: That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your

God which is in Jerusalem. And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God. The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house. And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that

know them not. And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

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Revelation 14:1-13

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlast-

ing gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

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74 Ut quid, Deus?

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
* why is your wrath so hot against the sheep
of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you
purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed
to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion
where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
* the enemy has laid waste everything in
your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
* they set up their banners as tokens of vic-
tory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes
to a grove of trees; * they broke down all
your carved work with hatchets and ham-
mers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; * they
defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, “Let us destroy
them altogether.” * They burned down all
the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see; there is
no prophet left; * there is not one among
us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary

scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; * the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
* let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adver-
saries, * the unending tumult of those who
rise up against you.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent are their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be,

which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

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Matthew 14:1-12

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced

before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

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69 Salvum me fac

1 Save me, O God, * for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, * and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, * and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; * my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. * Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, * and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; * let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 “In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; * I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, * and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap * and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, * and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, * and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, * and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken * and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, * and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living * and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; * your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; * I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, * more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; * you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, * and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, * the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; * they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, * and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

Morning lessons

Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36

Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem: And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon

me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us. Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered: I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents; Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold. And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of

the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD. So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God. Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; By number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time. Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto the LORD. And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

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Revelation 15:1-8

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from

his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

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Evening psalms

73 Quam bonus Israel!

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, * to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
* I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud * and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, * and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; * they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace * and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, * and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; * out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, * and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them * and find in them no fault.

11 They say, “How should God know? * is there knowledge in the Most High?”

12 So then, these are the wicked; * always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, * and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, * and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, * I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, * it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God * and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; * you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, * come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, * when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, * I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; * I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; * you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? * and
having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should
waste away, * God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will per-
ish; * you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works * in the
gates of the city of Zion.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 50:1-24

Simon the high priest, the son of Onias, who in his life repaired the house again, and in his days fortified the temple: And by him was built from the foundation the double height, the high fortress of the wall about the temple: In his days the cistern to receive water, being in compass as the sea, was covered with plates of brass: He took care of the temple that it should not fall, and fortified the city against besieg-

ing: How was he honoured in the midst of the people in his coming out of the sanctuary! He was as the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and as the moon at the full: As the sun shining upon the temple of the most High, and as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds: And as the flower of roses in the spring of the year, as lilies by the rivers of waters, and as the branches of the frankincense tree in the time of summer: As fire and incense in the censer, and as a vessel of beaten gold set with all manner of precious stones: And as a fair olive tree budding forth fruit, and as a cypress tree which groweth up to the clouds. When he put on the robe of honour, and was clothed with the perfection of glory, when he went up to the holy altar, he made the garment of holiness honourable. When he took the portions out of the priests' hands, he himself stood by the hearth of the altar, compassed about, as a young cedar in Libanus; and as palm trees compassed they him round about. So were all the sons of Aaron in their glory, and the oblations of the Lord in their hands, before all the congregation of Israel. And finishing the service at the altar, that he might adorn the offering of the most high Almighty, He stretched out his hand to the cup, and poured of the blood of the grape, he poured out at the foot of the altar a sweet-smelling savour unto the most high King of all. Then shouted the sons of Aaron,

and sounded the silver trumpets, and made a great noise to be heard, for a remembrance before the most High. Then all the people together hasted, and fell down to the earth upon their faces to worship their Lord God Almighty, the most High. The singers also sang praises with their voices, with great variety of sounds was there made sweet melody. And the people besought the Lord, the most High, by prayer before him that is merciful, till the solemnity of the Lord was ended, and they had finished his service. Then he went down, and lifted up his hands over the whole congregation of the children of Israel, to give the blessing of the Lord with his lips, and to rejoice in his name. And they bowed themselves down to worship the second time, that they might receive a blessing from the most High. Now therefore bless ye the God of all, which only doeth wondrous things every where, which exalteth our days from the womb, and dealeth with us according to his mercy. He grant us joyfulness of heart, and that peace may be in our days in Israel for ever: That he would confirm his mercy with us, and deliver us at his time!

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Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

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75 Confitebimur tibi

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, * calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; * “I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, * I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ * and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, * nor speak with a proud neck.’ ”

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, * nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; * he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD’S hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, * and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; * I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; * but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 Notus in Judaea

1 In Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! * more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; * none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! * who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; * the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment * and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, * and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; * let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, * and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Morning lessons

Ezra 9:1-15

Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and

my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God, And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. Now there-

fore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

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Revelation 17:1-14

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the

earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet

come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

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Evening psalms

23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12

[A Prayer of Jesus the son of Sirach.] I will thank thee, O Lord and King, and praise thee, O God my Saviour: I do give praise unto thy name: For thou art my defender and helper, and has preserved my body from destruction, and from the snare of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips that forge lies, and has been mine helper against mine adversaries: And hast delivered me, ac-

ording to the multitude of thy mercies and greatness of thy name, from the teeth of them that were ready to devour me, and out of the hands of such as sought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had; From the choking of fire on every side, and from the midst of the fire which I kindled not; From the depth of the belly of hell, from an unclean tongue, and from lying words. By an accusation to the king from an unrighteous tongue my soul drew near even unto death, my life was near to the hell beneath. They compassed me on every side, and there was no man to help me: I looked for the succour of men, but there was none. Then thought I upon thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how thou deliverest such as wait for thee, and savest them out of the hands of the enemies. Then lifted I up my supplications from the earth, and prayed for deliverance from death. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that he would not leave me in the days of my trouble, and in the time of the proud, when there was no help. I will praise thy name continually, and will sing praises with thanksgiving; and so my prayer was heard: For thou savedst me from destruction, and deliveredst me from the evil time: therefore will I give thanks, and praise thee, and bless thy name, O Lord.

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Matthew 14:22-36

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a

truth thou art the Son of God. And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

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93 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Morning lessons

Ezra 10:1-17

Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it. Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware. Then Ezra rose up from before

the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away. Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day

or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing. Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us. Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

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Acts 24:10-21

Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself: Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem

for to worship. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city: Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men. Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings. Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult. Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me. Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council, Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Evening lessons

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-22

When I was yet young, or ever I went abroad, I desired wisdom openly in my prayer. I prayed for her before the temple, and will seek her out even to the end. Even from the flower till the grape was ripe hath my heart delighted in her: my foot went the right way, from my youth up sought I after her. I bowed down mine ear a little, and received her, and gat much learning. I profited therein, therefore will I ascribe glory unto him that giveth me wisdom. For I purposed to do after her, and earnestly I followed that which is good; so shall I not be confounded. My soul hath wrestled with her, and in my doings I was exact: I stretched forth my hands to the heaven above, and bewailed my ignorances of her. I directed my soul unto her, and I found her in pureness: I have had my heart joined with her from the beginning, therefore shall I not be foresaken. My heart was troubled in seeking her: therefore have I gotten a good possession. The Lord hath given me a tongue for my reward, and I will praise him therewith.

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Luke 14:12-24

Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry

said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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80 Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
* and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged
it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down
from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; * at
the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, * and son of man you have made
so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from
you; * give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 9:1-25

Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God. Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees,

and gavest him the name of Abraham; And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous: And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go

in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them. But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land,

concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would. And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

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Revelation 18:1-8

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice

from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

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Evening psalms

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I will cry aloud to God; * I will cry aloud,
and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the
Lord; * my hands were stretched out by
night and did not tire; I refused to be com-
forted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, * I ponder,
and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; * I am
troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; * I remember
the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night;
* I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * will
he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end
for ever? * has his promise failed for ev-
ermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * has
he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * the right
hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,
* and call to mind your wonders of old
time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; * who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

79 Deus, venerunt

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy

temple; * they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" * Let it be known among the

heathen and in our sight that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, * and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, * return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; * we will give you thanks for ever and show forth your praise from age to age.

Evening lessons

Joel 1:1-13

The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath

left hath the caterpillar eaten. Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn. The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

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Matthew 15:1-20

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he an-

swered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, * and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, * rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, * demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, * "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * but is he

able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; * a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, * nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above * and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, * though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning
* and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like
a breath * and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would
seek him, * and repent, and diligently search
for God.

35 They would remember that God was
their rock, * and the Most High God their
redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths
* and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him,
* and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave
their sins and did not destroy them; * many
times he held back his anger and did not
permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but
flesh, * a breath that goes forth and does
not return.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 9:26-38

Nevertheless they were disobedient, and

rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands. Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty,

and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly: Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it: And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

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Revelation 18:9-20

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and pre-

cious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

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Psalm 78: Part II Quoties exacerbaverunt

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness * and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God * and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power * in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt * and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, * so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, * and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, * the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail * and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones * and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: * fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger; he did

not spare their souls from death; * but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, * the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep * and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; * but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, * the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; * he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, * and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; * they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars * they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry * and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, * the tabernacle where he had lived among his

people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword * and
was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men;
* there were no wedding songs for their
maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, * and
their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the LORD woke as though from
sleep, * like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside
* and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph * and did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights
of heaven, * like the earth which he founded
for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, * and took
him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes,
* to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful
and true heart * and guided them with the

skillfulness of his hands.

Evening lessons

Joel 1:15-2:11

Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness. Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there

hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

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Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Mem Quomodo dilexi!

97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Nun Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Samekh Iniquos odio habui

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, * but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; * my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, * and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, * and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; * their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; * therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; * I am afraid of your judgments.

Morning lessons

Nehemiah 7:73-8:18

So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities. And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those

that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mat-
tithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uri-
jah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right
hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and
Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and
Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.
And Ezra opened the book in the sight of
all the people; (for he was above all the
people;) and when he opened it, all the
people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD,
the great God. And all the people answered,
Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands:
and they bowed their heads, and worshipped
the LORD with their faces to the ground.
Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin,
Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Ke-
lita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and
the Levites, caused the people to under-
stand the law: and the people stood in their
place. So they read in the book in the law
of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and
caused them to understand the reading. And
Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra
the priest the scribe, and the Levites that
taught the people, said unto all the peo-
ple, This day is holy unto the LORD your
God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the
people wept, when they heard the words of
the law. Then he said unto them, Go your
way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and

send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days

of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

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Revelation 18:21-24

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

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Evening psalms

81 Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, * the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, * and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, * a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, * when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, * "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: * O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; * you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!
* that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, * and their punishment would
last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat * and satisfy him with honey from
the rock.

82 Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the
gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, * and
show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend
the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver
them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they un-
derstand; they go about in darkness; * all

the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Evening lessons

Joel 2:12-19

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out

of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

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Matthew 15:29-39

And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the

multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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83 Deus, quis similis?

1 O God, do not be silent; * do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, * and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people * and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; * let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; * they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, * and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, * to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; * they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, * and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves *
the fields of God as our possession.”

13 O my God, make them like whirling
dust * and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, * like
the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest * and
terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,
* that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for
ever; * let them be put to confusion and
perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name
is YAHWEH, * you alone are the Most
High over all the earth.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 1:1-28

And it happened, after that Alexander son
of Philip, the Macedonian, who came out
of the land of Chettiim, had smitten Dar-
ius king of the Persians and Medes, that he
reigned in his stead, the first over Greece,
And made many wars, and won many strong
holds, and slew the kings of the earth, And

went through to the ends of the earth, and took spoils of many nations, insomuch that the earth was quiet before him; whereupon he was exalted and his heart was lifted up. And he gathered a mighty strong host and ruled over countries, and nations, and kings, who became tributaries unto him. And after these things he fell sick, and perceived that he should die. Wherefore he called his servants, such as were honourable, and had been brought up with him from his youth, and parted his kingdom among them, while he was yet alive. So Alexander reigned twelves years, and then died. And his servants bare rule every one in his place. And after his death they all put crowns upon themselves; so did their sons after them many years: and evils were multiplied in the earth. And there came out of them a wicked root Antiochus surnamed Epiphanes, son of Antiochus the king, who had been an hostage at Rome, and he reigned in the hundred and thirty and seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks. In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who persuaded many, saying, Let us go and make a covenant with the heathen that are round about us: for since we departed from them we have had much sorrow. So this device pleased them well. Then certain of the people were so forward herein, that they went to the king, who gave them licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen: Whereupon they built a place of exercise

at Jerusalem according to the customs of the heathen: And made themselves uncircumcised, and forsook the holy covenant, and joined themselves to the heathen, and were sold to do mischief. Now when the kingdom was established before Antiochus, he thought to reign over Egypt that he might have the dominion of two realms. Wherefore he entered into Egypt with a great multitude, with chariots, and elephants, and horsemen, and a great navy, And made war against Ptolemee king of Egypt: but Ptolemee was afraid of him, and fled; and many were wounded to death. Thus they got the strong cities in the land of Egypt and he took the spoils thereof. And after that Antiochus had smitten Egypt, he returned again in the hundred forty and third year, and went up against Israel and Jerusalem with a great multitude, And entered proudly into the sanctuary, and took away the golden altar, and the candlestick of light, and all the vessels thereof, And the table of the shewbread, and the pouring vessels, and the vials. and the censers of gold, and the veil, and the crown, and the golden ornaments that were before the temple, all which he pulled off. He took also the silver and the gold, and the precious vessels: also he took the hidden treasures which he found. And when he had taken all away, he went into his own land, having made a great massacre, and spoken very proudly. Therefore there was a great mourning in Israel, in

every place where they were; So that the princes and elders mourned, the virgins and young men were made feeble, and the beauty of women was changed. Every bridegroom took up lamentation, and she that sat in the marriage chamber was in heaviness, The land also was moved for the inhabitants thereof, and all the house of Jacob was covered with confusion.

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Revelation 19:1-10

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Al-

leluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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Evening psalms

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each

other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
* and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosper-
ity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and an-
swer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faith-
ful; * save your servant who puts his trust
in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are
my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for
to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiv-
ing, * and great is your love toward all who
call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and
attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon
you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you,
O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All the nations you have made will come
and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify
your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous
things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I
will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to
you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,
with all my heart, * and glorify your Name
for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; * you
have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and
full of compassion, * slow to anger, and
full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
* give your strength to your servant; and
save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that
those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
* because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

Evening lessons

Joel 2:21-27

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

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The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you con-

cerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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88 Domine, Deus

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, * by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; * incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; * my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; * I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, * like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, * for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, * in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, * and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; * I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; * LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? * will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? * your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? * or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; * in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? * why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; * I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; * your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; * they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, * and darkness is my only companion.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 1:41-63

Moreover king Antiochus wrote to his whole

kingdom, that all should be one people, And every one should leave his laws: so all the heathen agreed according to the commandment of the king. Yea, many also of the Israelites consented to his religion, and sacrificed unto idols, and profaned the sabbath. For the king had sent letters by messengers unto Jerusalem and the cities of Juda that they should follow the strange laws of the land, And forbid burnt offerings, and sacrifice, and drink offerings, in the temple; and that they should profane the sabbaths and festival days: And pollute the sanctuary and holy people: Set up altars, and groves, and chapels of idols, and sacrifice swine's flesh, and unclean beasts: That they should also leave their children uncircumcised, and make their souls abominable with all manner of uncleanness and profanation: To the end they might forget the law, and change all the ordinances. And whosoever would not do according to the commandment of the king, he said, he should die. In the selfsame manner wrote he to his whole kingdom, and appointed overseers over all the people, commanding the cities of Juda to sacrifice, city by city. Then many of the people were gathered unto them, to wit every one that forsook the law; and so they committed evils in the land; And drove the Israelites into secret places, even wheresoever they could flee for succour. Now the fifteenth day of the month Casleu, in the hundred forty and

fifth year, they set up the abomination of desolation upon the altar, and builded idol altars throughout the cities of Juda on every side; And burnt incense at the doors of their houses, and in the streets. And when they had rent in pieces the books of the law which they found, they burnt them with fire. And whosoever was found with any the book of the testament, or if any committed to the law, the king's commandment was, that they should put him to death. Thus did they by their authority unto the Israelites every month, to as many as were found in the cities. Now the five and twentieth day of the month they did sacrifice upon the idol altar, which was upon the altar of God. At which time according to the commandment they put to death certain women, that had caused their children to be circumcised. And they hanged the infants about their necks, and rifled their houses, and slew them that had circumcised them. Howbeit many in Israel were fully resolved and confirmed in themselves not to eat any unclean thing. Wherefore the rather to die, that they might not be defiled with meats, and that they might not profane the holy covenant: so then they died.

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Revelation 19:11-16

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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Evening psalms

91 Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 Bonum est confiteri

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of

the works of your hands.

5 LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know, nor does the
fool understand, * that though the wicked
grow like weeds, and all the workers of in-
iquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for
ever; * but you, O LORD, are exalted for
evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your
enemies shall perish, * and all the workers
of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the
horns of wild bulls; * I am anointed with
fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
* and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of
the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm
tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of
the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of
our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the
LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no

fault.

Evening lessons

Joel 2:28-3:8

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted

my land. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head; Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

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Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and

others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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87 Fundamenta ejus

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her."

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, * "These also were born there."

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * "All my fresh springs are in you."

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be

glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 2:1-28

In those days arose Mattathias the son of John, the son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of Joarib, from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin. And he had five sons, Joannan, called Caddis: Simon; called Thassi: Judas, who was called Maccabeus: Eleazar, called Avaran: and Jonathan, whose surname was Apphus. And when he saw the blasphemies that were committed in Juda and Jerusalem, He said, Woe is me! wherefore was I born to see this misery of my people, and of the holy city, and to dwell there, when it was delivered into the hand of the enemy, and the sanctuary into the hand of strangers? Her temple is become

as a man without glory. Her glorious vessels are carried away into captivity, her infants are slain in the streets, her young men with the sword of the enemy. What nation hath not had a part in her kingdom and gotten of her spoils? All her ornaments are taken away; of a free woman she is become a bondslave. And, behold, our sanctuary, even our beauty and our glory, is laid waste, and the Gentiles have profaned it. To what end therefore shall we live any longer? Then Mattathias and his sons rent their clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourned very sore. In the meanwhile the king's officers, such as compelled the people to revolt, came into the city Modin, to make them sacrifice. And when many of Israel came unto them, Mattathias also and his sons came together. Then answered the king's officers, and said to Mattathias on this wise, Thou art a ruler, and an honourable and great man in this city, and strengthened with sons and brethren: Now therefore come thou first, and fulfil the king's commandment, like as all the heathen have done, yea, and the men of Juda also, and such as remain at Jerusalem: so shalt thou and thy house be in the number of the king's friends, and thou and thy children shall be honoured with silver and gold, and many rewards. Then Mattathias answered and spake with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from

the religion of their fathers, and give consent to his commandments: Yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers. God forbid that we should forsake the law and the ordinances. We will not hearken to the king's words, to go from our religion, either on the right hand, or the left. Now when he had left speaking these words, there came one of the Jews in the sight of all to sacrifice on the altar which was at Modin, according to the king's commandment. Which thing when Mattathias saw, he was inflamed with zeal, and his reins trembled, neither could he forbear to shew his anger according to judgment: wherefore he ran, and slew him upon the altar. Also the king's commissioner, who compelled men to sacrifice, he killed at that time, and the altar he pulled down. Thus dealt he zealously for the law of God like as Phinees did unto Zambri the son of Salom. And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice, saying, Whosoever is zealous of the law, and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me. So he and his sons fled into the mountains, and left all that ever they had in the city.

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Revelation 20:1-6

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his
mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for
his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, * for his
mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for
his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the wa-
ters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy
endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the
night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them,
* for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out
arm, * for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, * for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, * for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, * for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Joel 3:9-17

Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength

of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

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Matthew 16:21-28

From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man accord-

ing to his works. Verily I say unto you,
There be some standing here, which shall
not taste of death, till they see the Son of
man coming in his kingdom.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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66 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name.”

4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; * but you
brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, * which I promised
with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; * I will give you
oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
* and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the
Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has
attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, * nor withheld his love from
me.

67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 2:29-50

Then many that sought after justice and judgment went down into the wilderness, to dwell there: Both they, and their children, and their wives; and their cattle; because afflictions increased sore upon them. Now when it was told the king's servants, and the host that was at Jerusalem, in the city of David, that certain men, who had broken the king's commandment, were gone

down into the secret places in the wilderness, They pursued after them a great number, and having overtaken them, they camped against them, and made war against them on the sabbath day. And they said unto them, Let that which ye have done hitherto suffice; come forth, and do according to the commandment of the king, and ye shall live. But they said, We will not come forth, neither will we do the king's commandment, to profane the sabbath day. So then they gave them the battle with all speed. Howbeit they answered them not, neither cast they a stone at them, nor stopped the places where they lay hid; But said, Let us die all in our innocency: heaven and earth will testify for us, that ye put us to death wrongfully. So they rose up against them in battle on the sabbath, and they slew them, with their wives and children and their cattle, to the number of a thousand people. Now when Mattathias and his friends understood hereof, they mourned for them right sore. And one of them said to another, If we all do as our brethren have done, and fight not for our lives and laws against the heathen, they will now quickly root us out of the earth. At that time therefore they decreed, saying, Whosoever shall come to make battle with us on the sabbath day, we will fight against him; neither will we die all, as our brethren that were murdered in the secret places. Then came there unto him a company of As-

sideans who were mighty men of Israel, even all such as were voluntarily devoted unto the law. Also all they that fled for persecution joined themselves unto them, and were a stay unto them. So they joined their forces, and smote sinful men in their anger, and wicked men in their wrath: but the rest fled to the heathen for succour. Then Mattathias and his friends went round about, and pulled down the altars: And what children soever they found within the coast of Israel uncircumcised, those they circumcised valiantly. They pursued also after the proud men, and the work prospered in their hand. So they recovered the law out of the hand of the Gentiles, and out of the hand of kings, neither suffered they the sinner to triumph. Now when the time drew near that Mattathias should die, he said unto his sons, Now hath pride and rebuke gotten strength, and the time of destruction, and the wrath of indignation: Now therefore, my sons, be ye zealous for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of your fathers.

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Acts 28:14-23

Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so

we went toward Rome. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage. And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him. And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of. For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against. And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he

expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

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Evening psalms

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Evening lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-17

The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth. Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you. For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling-places that are not their's. They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat. They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend,

imputing this his power unto his god. Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he? And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous. Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

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Luke 16:1-13

And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I

hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two mas-

ters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still
the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 3:1-24

Then his son Judas, called Maccabeus, rose up in his stead. And all his brethren helped him, and so did all they that held with his father, and they fought with cheerfulness the battle of Israel. So he gat his people great honour, and put on a breastplate as a giant, and girt his warlike harness about him, and he made battles, protecting the host with his sword. In his acts he was like a lion, and like a lion's whelp roaring for his prey. For He pursued the wicked, and sought them out, and burnt up those that vexed his people. Wherefore the wicked shrunk for fear of him, and all the workers of iniquity were troubled, because salvation prospered in his hand. He grieved also many kings, and made Jacob glad with his acts, and his memorial is blessed for ever. Moreover he went through the cities of Juda, destroying the ungodly out of them, and turning away wrath from Israel: So that he was renowned unto the utmost part of the earth, and he received unto him such as were ready to perish. Then Apollonius gathered the Gentiles together, and a great host out of Samaria, to fight against Israel. Which thing when Judas perceived, he went forth to meet him, and so he smote him, and slew him: many also fell down slain, but the rest fled. Wherefore Judas took their spoils, and Apollonius' sword also, and therewith he fought all his life long. Now when Seron, a prince of the army of Syria, heard say that Judas had

gathered unto him a multitude and company of the faithful to go out with him to war; He said, I will get me a name and honour in the kingdom; for I will go fight with Judas and them that are with him, who despise the king's commandment. So he made him ready to go up, and there went with him a mighty host of the ungodly to help him, and to be avenged of the children of Israel. And when he came near to the going up of Bethhoron, Judas went forth to meet him with a small company: Who, when they saw the host coming to meet them, said unto Judas, How shall we be able, being so few, to fight against so great a multitude and so strong, seeing we are ready to faint with fasting all this day? Unto whom Judas answered, It is no hard matter for many to be shut up in the hands of a few; and with the God of heaven it is all one, to deliver with a great multitude, or a small company: For the victory of battle standeth not in the multitude of an host; but strength cometh from heaven. They come against us in much pride and iniquity to destroy us, and our wives and children, and to spoil us: But we fight for our lives and our laws. Wherefore the Lord himself will overthrow them before our face: and as for you, be ye not afraid of them. Now as soon as he had left off speaking, he leapt suddenly upon them, and so Seron and his host was overthrown before him. And they pursued them from the going down

of Bethhoron unto the plain, where were slain about eight hundred men of them; and the residue fled into the land of the Philistines.

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Revelation 20:7-15

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.”

30 “If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * ’I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor * and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth * and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? will you hide yourself for ever? * how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, * how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, * which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! * Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Habakkuk 2:1-20

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people: Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay! Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that

dwell therein. Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul. For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it. Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity? For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory. For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood,

Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

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Matthew 17:1-13

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the moun-

tain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

99 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the people trem-
ble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high
above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have established equity; * you have exe-
cuted justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our
God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
* they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 3:25-41

Then began the fear of Judas and his brethren, and an exceeding great dread, to fall upon the nations round about them: Insomuch as his fame came unto the king, and all nations talked of the battles of Judas. Now when king Antiochus heard these things,

he was full of indignation: wherefore he sent and gathered together all the forces of his realm, even a very strong army. He opened also his treasure, and gave his soldiers pay for a year, commanding them to be ready whensoever he should need them. Nevertheless, when he saw that the money of his treasures failed and that the tributes in the country were small, because of the dissension and plague, which he had brought upon the land in taking away the laws which had been of old time; He feared that he should not be able to bear the charges any longer, nor to have such gifts to give so liberally as he did before: for he had abounded above the kings that were before him. Wherefore, being greatly perplexed in his mind, he determined to go into Persia, there to take the tributes of the countries, and to gather much money. So he left Lysias, a nobleman, and one of the blood royal, to oversee the affairs of the king from the river Euphrates unto the borders of Egypt: And to bring up his son Antiochus, until he came again. Moreover he delivered unto him the half of his forces, and the elephants, and gave him charge of all things that he would have done, as also concerning them that dwelt in Juda and Jerusalem: To wit, that he should send an army against them, to destroy and root out the strength of Israel, and the remnant of Jerusalem, and to take away their memorial from that place; And that he should place strangers in all

their quarters, and divide their land by lot. So the king took the half of the forces that remained, and departed from Antioch, his royal city, the hundred forty and seventh year; and having passed the river Euphrates, he went through the high countries. Then Lysias chose Ptolemee the son of Dorymenes, Nicanor, and Gorgias, mighty men of the king's friends: And with them he sent forty thousand footmen, and seven thousand horsemen, to go into the land of Juda, and to destroy it, as the king commanded. So they went forth with all their power, and came and pitched by Emmaus in the plain country. And the merchants of the country, hearing the fame of them, took silver and gold very much, with servants, and came into the camp to buy the children of Israel for slaves: a power also of Syria and of the land of the Philistines joined themselves unto them.

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Revelation 21:1-8

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

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Evening psalms

94 Deus ultionum

1 O LORD God of vengeance, * O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; * give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, * how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; * all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, * and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger * and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, * the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; * when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? * he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? * he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; * how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! * whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, * until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, * nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, * and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked?
* who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help,
* I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,”
* your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, * your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just
* and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
* and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them and destroy them in their own malice; * the LORD our God will destroy them.

95 Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

Evening lessons

Habakkuk 3:1-18

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power. Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?

Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers. The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high. The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear. Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah. Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters. When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the

God of my salvation.

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Matthew 17:14-20

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

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101 Misericordiam et iudicium

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; * to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? * I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; * I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; * I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; * those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, * and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, * and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

109 Deua, laudem

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise;

* for the mouth of the wicked, the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; * they encompass me with hateful words and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; * but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, * and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, * and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, * and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; * let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; * let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, * and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, * and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, * and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; * but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, * but persecuted the poor and needy and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing, let it come upon him; * he took no delight in blessing, let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, * let it soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, * and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, * and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my God, oh, deal with me according to your Name; * for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; * I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * save me
for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to
shame, and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with dis-
grace * and wrap themselves in their shame
as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD
with my mouth; * in the midst of the mul-
titude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of
the needy, * to save his life from those who
would condemn him.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 3:42-60

Now when Judas and his brethren saw that
miseries were multiplied, and that the forces

did encamp themselves in their borders: for they knew how the king had given commandment to destroy the people, and utterly abolish them; They said one to another, Let us restore the decayed fortune of our people, and let us fight for our people and the sanctuary. Then was the congregation gathered together, that they might be ready for battle, and that they might pray, and ask mercy and compassion. Now Jerusalem lay void as a wilderness, there was none of her children that went in or out: the sanctuary also was trodden down, and aliens kept the strong hold; the heathen had their habitation in that place; and joy was taken from Jacob, and the pipe with the harp ceased. Wherefore the Israelites assembled themselves together, and came to Maspha, over against Jerusalem; for in Maspha was the place where they prayed aforetime in Israel. Then they fasted that day, and put on sackcloth, and cast ashes upon their heads, and rent their clothes, And laid open the book of the law, wherein the heathen had sought to paint the likeness of their images. They brought also the priests' garments, and the firstfruits, and the tithes: and the Nazarites they stirred up, who had accomplished their days. Then cried they with a loud voice toward heaven, saying, What shall we do with these, and whither shall we carry them away? For thy sanctuary is trodden down and profaned, and thy priests are in heaviness, and brought

low. And lo, the heathen are assembled together against us to destroy us: what things they imagine against us, thou knowest. How shall we be able to stand against them, except thou, O God, be our help? Then sounded they with trumpets, and cried with a loud voice. And after this Judas ordained captains over the people, even captains over thousands, and over hundreds, and over fifties, and over tens. But as for such as were building houses, or had betrothed wives, or were planting vineyards, or were fearful, those he commanded that they should return, every man to his own house, according to the law. So the camp removed, and pitched upon the south side of Emmaus. And Judas said, arm yourselves, and be valiant men, and see that ye be in readiness against the morning, that ye may fight with these nations, that are assembled together against us to destroy us and our sanctuary: For it is better for us to die in battle, than to behold the calamities of our people and our sanctuary. Nevertheless, as the will of God is in heaven, so let him do.

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Revelation 21:9-21

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of

the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper;

the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

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Ayin Feci iudicium

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching
for your salvation * and for your righteous
promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to
your loving-kindness * and teach me your
statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me under-
standing, * that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be
right for me; * all paths of falsehood I ab-
hor.

Pe Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; * there-
fore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives

light; * it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; * I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, * as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * because people do not keep your law.

Sadhe Justus es, Domine

137 You are righteous, O LORD, * and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees * with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, * because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, * and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, * yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon
me, * yet your commandments are my de-
light.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is
everlasting; * grant me understanding, that
I may live.

Evening lessons

Malachi 1:1-14

The burden of the word of the LORD to
Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, saith
the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou
loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother?
saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, And
I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and
his heritage waste for the dragons of the
wilderness. Whereas Edom saith, We are
impoverished, but we will return and build
the desolate places; thus saith the LORD
of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw
down; and they shall call them, The border
of wickedness, and, The people against whom
the LORD hath indignation for ever. And
your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The
LORD will be magnified from the border
of Israel. A son honoureth his father, and

a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts. Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have

snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

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Matthew 17:22-27

And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea,

and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Issac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, * of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation * and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them * and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, “Do not touch my anointed * and do my prophets no harm.”

16 Then he called for a famine in the land * and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, * Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; * his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, * the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; * the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, * as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to teach his elders wisdom.

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 4:1-25

Then took Gorgias five thousand footmen, and a thousand of the best horsemen, and removed out of the camp by night; To the end he might rush in upon the camp of the Jews, and smite them suddenly. And the men of the fortress were his guides. Now when Judas heard thereof he himself removed, and the valiant men with him, that he might smite the king's army which was at Emmaus, While as yet the forces were dispersed from the camp. In the mean season came Gorgias by night into the camp of Judas: and when he found no man there, he sought them in the mountains: for said he, These fellows flee from us But as soon as it was day, Judas shewed himself in the plain with three thousand men, who nevertheless had neither armour nor swords to their minds. And they saw the camp of the heathen, that it was strong and well harnessed, and compassed round about with horsemen; and these were expert of war. Then said Judas to the men that were with him, Fear ye not their multitude, neither be ye afraid of their assault. Remember how our fathers were delivered in the Red sea, when Pharaoh pursued them with an army. Now therefore let us cry unto heaven, if peradventure the Lord will have mercy upon us, and remember the covenant of

our fathers, and destroy this host before our face this day: That so all the heathen may know that there is one who delivereth and saveth Israel. Then the strangers lifted up their eyes, and saw them coming over against them. Wherefore they went out of the camp to battle; but they that were with Judas sounded their trumpets. So they joined battle, and the heathen being discomfited fled into the plain. Howbeit all the hindmost of them were slain with the sword: for they pursued them unto Gazera, and unto the plains of Idumea, and Azotus, and Jamnia, so that there were slain of them upon a three thousand men. This done, Judas returned again with his host from pursuing them, And said to the people, Be not greedy of the spoil inasmuch as there is a battle before us, And Gorgias and his host are here by us in the mountain: but stand ye now against our enemies, and overcome them, and after this ye may boldly take the spoils. As Judas was yet speaking these words, there appeared a part of them looking out of the mountain: Who when they perceived that the Jews had put their host to flight and were burning the tents; for the smoke that was seen declared what was done: When therefore they perceived these things, they were sore afraid, and seeing also the host of Judas in the plain ready to fight, They fled every one into the land of strangers. Then Judas returned to spoil the tents, where they got much gold, and

silver, and blue silk, and purple of the sea, and great riches. After this they went home, and sung a song of thanksgiving, and praised the Lord in heaven: because it is good, because his mercy endureth forever. Thus Israel had a great deliverance that day.

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Revelation 21:22-22:5

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve

manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

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Psalm 105: Part II Et intravit Israel

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, * and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; * but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood * and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, * in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects * and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, * and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees * and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, * and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land * and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, * the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Malachi 2:1-16

And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts. And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD

of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

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Matthew 18:1-9

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it

is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Morning psalms

102 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; * hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; * when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, * and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning * I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, * like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; * I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, * and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread * and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath * you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, * and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
* indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble,
* and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O
LORD, * and all the kings of the earth
your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, * and
his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of
the homeless; * he will not despise their
plea.

18 Let this be written for a future gener-
ation, * so that a people yet unborn may
praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his
holy place on high; * from the heavens he
beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the
captive * and set free those condemned to
die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name
of the LORD, * and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,
* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; * he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; * your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment; * as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, * and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, * and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”

Morning lessons

1 Maccabees 4:36-59

Then said Judas and his brethren, Behold, our enemies are discomfited: let us go up to cleanse and dedicate the sanctuary. Upon this all the host assembled themselves together, and went up into mount Sion. And

when they saw the sanctuary desolate, and the altar profaned, and the gates burned up, and shrubs growing in the courts as in a forest, or in one of the mountains, yea, and the priests' chambers pulled down; They rent their clothes, and made great lamentation, and cast ashes upon their heads, And fell down flat to the ground upon their faces, and blew an alarm with the trumpets, and cried toward heaven. Then Judas appointed certain men to fight against those that were in the fortress, until he had cleansed the sanctuary. So he chose priests of blameless conversation, such as had pleasure in the law: Who cleansed the sanctuary, and bare out the defiled stones into an unclean place. And when as they consulted what to do with the altar of burnt offerings, which was profaned; They thought it best to pull it down, lest it should be a reproach to them, because the heathen had defiled it: wherefore they pulled it down, And laid up the stones in the mountain of the temple in a convenient place, until there should come a prophet to shew what should be done with them. Then they took whole stones according to the law, and built a new altar according to the former; And made up the sanctuary, and the things that were within the temple, and hallowed the courts. They made also new holy vessels, and into the temple they brought the candlestick, and the altar of burnt offerings, and of incense, and the table. And upon the altar they burned

incense, and the lamps that were upon the candlestick they lighted, that they might give light in the temple. Furthermore they set the loaves upon the table, and spread out the veils, and finished all the works which they had begun to make. Now on the five and twentieth day of the ninth month, which is called the month Casleu, in the hundred forty and eighth year, they rose up betimes in the morning, And offered sacrifice according to the law upon the new altar of burnt offerings, which they had made. Look, at what time and what day the heathen had profaned it, even in that was it dedicated with songs, and citherns, and harps, and cymbals. Then all the people fell upon their faces, worshipping and praising the God of heaven, who had given them good success. And so they kept the dedication of the altar eight days and offered burnt offerings with gladness, and sacrificed the sacrifice of deliverance and praise. They decked also the forefront of the temple with crowns of gold, and with shields; and the gates and the chambers they renewed, and hanged doors upon them. Thus was there very great gladness among the people, for that the reproach of the heathen was put away. Moreover Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Israel ordained, that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from year to year by the space of eight days, from the five and twentieth day

of the month Casleu, with mirth and gladness.

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Revelation 22:6-13

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

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Evening psalms

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
* and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-
deemed proclaim * that he redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they
found no way to a city where they might
dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their
spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from their
distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to
go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for
his mercy * and the wonders he does for
his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the
hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,
* bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God * and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; * they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom * and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze * and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

Evening lessons

Malachi 3:1-12

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fa-

thers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Matthew 18:10-20

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. For the Son

of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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Psalm 107: Part II Posuit flumina

33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,
* and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, * because
of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water
* and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, * and they
founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vine-
yards, * and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased
greatly; * he did not let their herds de-
crease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought
low, * through stress of adversity and sor-
row,

40 (He pours contempt on princes * and
makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of
sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

108 Paratum cor meum

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, * save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, * “I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, * and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? * you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, * and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days

of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

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Revelation 22:14-21

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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Evening psalms

33 Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; * play
to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fan-
fare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, * and
all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the
loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole
earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made, * by the breath of his mouth all
the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as
in a water-skin * and stores up the depths
of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; * let
all who dwell in the world stand in awe of
him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he
commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the na-
tions to naught; * he thwarts the designs
of the peoples.

11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Evening lessons

Malachi 3:13-4:6

Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith

the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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Matthew 18:21-35

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand

talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 19:19-25

In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. And the LORD

shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it. And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them. In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

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Romans 15:5-13

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth

of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Zechariah 9:9-16

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall

drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

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Luke 19:11-27

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto

him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Part I Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, * for his mercy endures for
ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
LORD * or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit me
with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your
elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your inher-
itance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your mar-
velous works, nor remember the abundance
of your love; * they defied the Most High
at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake,
* to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried
up, * and he led them through the deep as
through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them * and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; * not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words * and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds * and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, * and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, * but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, * and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan * and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, * and flames devoured the wicked.

Morning lessons

Joel 3:1-17

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of

Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head; Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it. Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather your-

selves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

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1 Peter 1:1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood

of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel

unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 106: Part II Et fecerunt vitulum

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land * and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents * and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor * and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, * and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded,
* and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness * throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, * so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit * that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples * as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen * and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, * which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons * and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, * which they offered to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions * and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people * and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, * and those who hated them ruled

over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, * and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, * and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, * when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them * and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied * by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, * that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; * and let all the people say, "Amen!" Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Zechariah 10:1-12

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make

bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd. Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle. Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together. And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them. And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me

in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again. I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them. And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

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Matthew 19:1-12

And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan; And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there. The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one

flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

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120 Ad Dominum

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; * I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips * and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, * O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, * along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech * and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live * among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, * but when I speak of it, they are for war.

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

122 Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, * “Let
us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing * within your
gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at
unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise
the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May
they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”

123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to 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, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

Morning lessons

Nahum 1:1-13

The burden of Nineveh. The book of the

vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry. There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor. Thus saith the LORD; Though they be quiet, and likewise many,

yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

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1 Peter 1:13-25

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in

God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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124 Nisi quia Dominus

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up
alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us * and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters * have gone
right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! * he has not given
us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like
Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved,
but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so
does the LORD stand round about his peo-
ple, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

127 Nisi Dominus

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city,
* in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go
to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread
of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! * he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the
gate.

Evening lessons

Zechariah 11:4-17

Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the
flock of the slaughter; Whose possessors
slay them, and hold themselves not guilty:
and they that sell them say, Blessed be the

LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not. For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me. Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. And

the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

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Matthew 19:13-22

Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence. And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no

murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

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Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo

145 I call with my whole heart; * answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you; oh, that you would save me! * I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, * for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, * that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; * according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; * they are very far from your law.

151 You, O LORD, are near at hand, * and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees * that you have established them for ever.

Resh Vide humilitatem

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, * for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; * according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, * for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;
* preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, * yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, * for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments!
* O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; * all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Shin Principes persecuti sunt

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, * but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise
* as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, * but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, * because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; * for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,
* and have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees * and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, * for all my ways are before you.

Taw Appropinquet deprecatio

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
* give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you;
* deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,
* when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,
* for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
* search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Morning lessons

Obadiah 1:15-21

For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been. But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it. And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

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1 Peter 2:1-10

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but

now have obtained mercy.

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128 Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD,
* and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house, * your children like olive
shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD * shall
thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, * and
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's chil-
dren; * may peace be upon Israel.

129 Saepe expugnaverunt

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth," * let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since
my youth, * but they have not prevailed
against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.

4 The LORD, the Righteous One, * has
cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, * all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, * which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, * nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD prosper you. * We wish you well in the Name of the LORD.”

130 De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their

sins.

Evening lessons

Zechariah 12:1-10

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round

about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

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Matthew 19:23-30

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a

rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

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34 Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

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1 Corinthians 4:1-16

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed

to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

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96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD

is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

100 Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

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John 1:35-42

Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him

speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. ANDREW

Almighty God, who didst give such grace to thine apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of thy Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us, who are called by thy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. ANDREW

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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140 Eripe me, Domine

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts * and stir
up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like
a serpent; * adder's poison is under their
lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked; * protect me from the violent,
who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me
and stretched out a net of cords; * they
have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my
God; * listen, O LORD, to my supplica-
tion.

7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salva-
tion, * you have covered my head in the
day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O
LORD, * nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up
their heads; * let the evil of their lips over-
whelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise

up again.”

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, * and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor * and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, * and the upright shall continue in your sight.

142 Voce mea ad Dominum

1 I cry to the LORD with my voice; * to the LORD I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him * and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; * in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; * I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O LORD; * I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; * save me from those

who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; * when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 24:14-23

They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously. Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

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1 Peter 3:13-4:6

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of

you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that

ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

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Evening psalms

141 Domine, clamavi

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
* hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as incense, * the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door of my lips; * let not my
heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness
with evildoers, * nor eat of their choice
foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly
rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous
anoint my head; * for my prayer is contin-
ually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony
places, * that they may know my words
are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth
in furrows, * let their bones be scattered at
the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;
* in you I take refuge; do not strip me of
my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they
have laid for me * and from the traps of
the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
* while I myself escape.

143 Domine, exaudi

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,
* for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for
you are my God; * let your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's
sake; * for your righteousness' sake, bring
me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly
I am your servant.

Evening lessons

Zechariah 14:1-11

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half

of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

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Matthew 20:17-28

And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them,

and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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137 Super flumina

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

144 Benedictus Dominus

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock! * who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, * my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? * mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; * our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; * shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; * rescue me and deliver me from the great waters, from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; * I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings * and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *

and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully * and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, * and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; * may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, * no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! * happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Morning lessons

Micah 7:11-20

In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed. In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and

from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings. Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things. The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

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1 Peter 4:7-19

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of

God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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104 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys;
* they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill
from them, * and the wild asses quench
their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests * and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling
on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the
fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and
herds * and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the
earth, * and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the moun-
tain goats, * and the stony cliffs for the
rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, * and the sun knows the time of
its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night,
* in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey * and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away * and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work * and to his labor until the evening.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I
live; * I will praise my God while I have
my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;
* I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
* and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hal-
lelujah!

Evening lessons

Zechariah 14:12-21

And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem;

and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

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Matthew 20:29-34

And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

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Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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146 Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any
child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return
to earth, * and in that day their thoughts
perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja-
cob for their help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-
pressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the
LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares for the stranger; * he sustains the or-
phan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your
God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Amos 1:1-2:8

The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad. I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom: But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the scep-

tre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border: But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime: But I will

send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet: And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked: But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name: And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But of the times and the seasons, brethren,

ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly

have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

112 Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and

their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 1:1-9

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very

small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

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Luke 21:5-19

And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass? And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to

the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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I Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1 LORD, how many adversaries I have! *

how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
"There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; * you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the LORD, * and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; * I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people * who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; * surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the LORD. * Your blessing be upon your people!

Morning lessons

Amos 2:6-16

Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they

sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name: And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god. Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not. Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself: Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

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2 Peter 1:1-11

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and elec-

tion sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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4 Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

7 Domine, Deus meus

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

* save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces * and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: * if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, * or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, * trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; * rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; * let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; * O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, * and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; * for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; * he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; * God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; * he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; * he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, * who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep * and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; * their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; * I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 1:10-20

Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God,

ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

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Matthew 21:1-11

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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5 Verba mea auribus

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; * early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; * I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; * make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; * you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

6 Domine, ne in furore

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; * heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; * how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; * save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; * and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief * and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; * the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Morning lessons

Amos 3:1-11

Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? Shall a trumpet

be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

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2 Peter 1:12-21

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ

hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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10 Ut quid, Domine?

1 Why do you stand so far off, O LORD,
* and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
* but they are trapped in the schemes they
have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire;
* the covetous curse and revile the LORD.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care
not for God; * their only thought is, "God
does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times; your
judgments are far above out of their sight;
* they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be
shaken; * no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit,
and oppression; * under their tongue are
mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the inno-
cent; * they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away
in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled

before them; * the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; * he hides his face; he will never notice.”

12 Rise up, O LORD; lift up your hand, O God; * do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? * why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; * you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, * for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; * search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The LORD is King for ever and ever; * the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The LORD will hear the desire of the humble; * you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, * so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 In Domino confido

1 In the LORD have I taken refuge; * how then can you say to me, “Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, * to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, * what can the righteous do?”

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD’S throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; * his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, * but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; * a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous; he delights in righteous deeds; * and the just shall see his face.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 1:21-31

How is the faithful city become an har-

lot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed. For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

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Matthew 21:12-22

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which

is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Aleph Beati immaculati

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, * but always
walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
* when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly
forsake me.

Beth In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
* By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let
me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

Gimel Retribue servo tuo

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, * that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see * the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; * do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times * with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; * cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, * and they are my counselors.

Morning lessons

Amos 3:12-4:5

Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch. Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD. Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon

you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD. Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

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2 Peter 3:1-10

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth stand-

ing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

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12 Salvum me fac

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; * the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; * with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, * and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; * our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, * I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the help they long for.”

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, * like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us * and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, * and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? * how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does

good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 2:1-11

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in

his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD. Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers. Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots: Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not. Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

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Matthew 21:23-32

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way

of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

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Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies
and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

Amos 4:6-13

And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked

out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.

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2 Peter 3:11-18

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these

things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 2:12-22

For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of ?

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Matthew 21:33-46

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is

the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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16 Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide

me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, * and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard, now they surround me, * watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, * and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD; confront them and bring them down; * deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand * from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, * who are well supplied with children and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Morning lessons

Amos 5:1-17

Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel. For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought. Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel. Ye who turn judgment to worm-wood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name: That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. Forasmuch therefore as your tread-

ing is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph. Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing. And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

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Jude 1:1-16

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ,

and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they

know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gain-saying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

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22 Deus, Deus meu

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I

was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
* and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong
bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like
a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones
are out of joint; * my heart within my breast
is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-
sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the
dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs
of evildoers circle around me; * they
pierce my hands and my feet; I can
count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; * they
divide my garments among them; they
cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are
my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, * my life
from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my
wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren;

* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 3:8-15

For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory. The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

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Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there

a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

Amos 5:18-27

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

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Jude 1:17-25

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be

glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever. Amen.

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110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

116 Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. * for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” * In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

10 How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

117 Laudate Dominum

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; * laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, * and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Isaiah 4:2-6

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it

shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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Matthew 22:15-22

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

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148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingéd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
* for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

149 Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
* this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

150 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Morning lessons

Amos 6:1-14

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these

kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts. Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and

the fruit of righteousness into hemlock: Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

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2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count

you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Evening psalms

114 In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went 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 turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * 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 hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 Non nobis, Domine

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; * because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; * he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, * both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, * you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S,
* but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, * from
this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Evening lessons

Isaiah 5:1-7

Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song
of my beloved touching his vineyard. My
wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruit-
ful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered
out the stones thereof, and planted it with
the choicest vine, and built a tower in the
midst of it, and also made a winepress therein:
and he looked that it should bring forth
grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and
men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt
me and my vineyard. What could have
been done more to my vineyard, that I have
not done in it? wherefore, when I looked
that it should bring forth grapes, brought
it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will
tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I
will take away the hedge thereof, and it
shall be eaten up; and break down the wall

thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

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Luke 1:57-67

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his

tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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25 Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, * forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the LORD? * he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, * and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him * and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, * for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; * bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, * and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; * let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, * for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Morning lessons

Amos 7:1-9

Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small. The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD. Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part. Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small. The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD. Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

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Revelation 1:1-8

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kin-

dreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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9 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; * I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, * they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, * their cities plowed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; * he has set up this throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; * he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, * a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, * for you never forsake

those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; * proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; * he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; * see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, * and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; * the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, * and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, * and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; * let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; * let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 5:8-23

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! In mine ears said the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant. Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat. Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let

him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

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Matthew 22:23-33

The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said

unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

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26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Morning lessons

Amos 7:10-17

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD

said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

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Revelation 1:9-16

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden can-

dlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

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36 Dixit injustus

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; * there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes * that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; * he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; * he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those

who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, * nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! * they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 Dixi, Custodiam

1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, * so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth * while the wicked are in my presence.”

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; * I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; * I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; * truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; * we heap up riches and

cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? * O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions * and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, * for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; * I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; * truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; * hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, * a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, * before I go my way and am no more.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 5:13-25

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge:

and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat. Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast

away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

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Matthew 22:34-46

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit

thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

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38 Domine, ne in furore

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger;
* do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me,
* and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of your indignation; * there is no sound-
ness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * like
a heavy burden they are too much for me
to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester * by reason
of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
* I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * I wail,
because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * and
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has
failed me, * and the brightness of my eyes
is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back
from my affliction; * my neighbors stand
afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; * those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, * like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear * and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; * you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, * those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, * and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity * and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, * and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, * because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; * be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, * O Lord of my salvation.

Morning lessons

Amos 8:1-14

Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence. Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein?

and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

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Revelation 1:17-2:7

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and

the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of

God.

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Evening psalms

Daleth Adhaesit pavimento

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; * let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; * O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, * for you have set my heart at liberty.

He Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw Et veniat super me

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, * because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings
* and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, * which
I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your com-
mandments, * and I will meditate on your
statutes.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in

his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

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Matthew 23:1-12

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to

his disciples, Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

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Part I Noli aemulari

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous * and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, * because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, * to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has * is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Morning lessons

Amos 9:1-10

I saw the LORD standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door,

that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name. Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and

I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

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Revelation 2:8-17

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 37: Part II Novit Dominus

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, * and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, * and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, * and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, * but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, * but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; * he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, * for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, * but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, * and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; * he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, * but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land * and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, * and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, * and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous * and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, * nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; * he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, * flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; * I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; * for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; * the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 7:1-9

And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. Then said the LORD unto Isa-

iah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint-hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal: Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

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Matthew 23:13-26

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes

and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make

clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

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31 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, * and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; * rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, * haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; * which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; * you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD! * for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm, “I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” * Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; * the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, * all you who wait for the LORD.

Morning lessons

Haggai 1:1-15

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the

prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands. Then

Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD. Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

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Revelation 2:18-29

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach

and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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Evening psalms

35 Judica, Domine

1 Fight those who fight me, O LORD; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor * and rise up
to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against
those who pursue me; * say to my soul, "I
am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
and humbled; * let those who plot my ruin
fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the LORD drive them
away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and
let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for
me without a cause; * without a cause they
have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid; let
them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the LORD; * I
will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who
is like you? * You deliver the poor from

those who are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me;
* they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good;
* my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth * and humbled myself by fasting.

14 I prayed with my whole heart, as one would for a friend or a brother; * I behaved like one who mourns for his mother, bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; * strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me;
* they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? * rescue me from the roaring beasts, and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, * nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, * but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, * “Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; * O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! * to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness; * do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we want!” * Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; * let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; * let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who desires the prosperity of his servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness * and of your praise all the day long.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 7:10-25

Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely,

by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land. And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns. With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns. And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

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Matthew 23:27-39

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy

and iniquity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

32 Beati quorum

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Morning lessons

Haggai 2:1-9

In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory?

and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Revelation 3:1-6

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watch-

ful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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42 Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
* so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; * when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, * while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things; * how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiv-
ing, * among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? * and why are you so disquieted
within me?

7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet
give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; * therefore
I will remember you from the land of Jor-
dan, and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; * all your rapids and floods
have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; * in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judica me, Deus

1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that

they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 8:1-15

Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz. And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away

before the king of Assyria. The LORD spake also unto me again, saying, Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among

them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

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Matthew 24:1-14

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

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63 Deus, Deus meus

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it * go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; * for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Amos 9:11-15

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 2:13-17

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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103 Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 13:6-13

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

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John 5:30-47

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that

ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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41 Beatus qui intelligit

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me * and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * from age to age. Amen. Amen.

52 Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good * and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, * O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, * topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

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Zechariah 1:7-17

Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and,

behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

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Revelation 3:7-13

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shut-

teth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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44 Deus, auribus

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, * the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; * how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; * but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; * you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; * through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, * and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries * and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, * and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us * and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, * and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten * and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle * and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, * a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, * a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, * and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, * because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; * yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, * nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, * and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, * or stretched out our hands to some

strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? * for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; * we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? * Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face * and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; * our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, * and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 8:16-9:1

Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that

have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness. Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

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Matthew 24:15-31

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field re-

turn back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power

and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Morning lessons

Zechariah 2:1-13

I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations

shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

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Revelation 3:14-22

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As

many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

48 Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the
world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; * he is known to
be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
* and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; * they
retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; * they writhed
like a woman in childbirth, like ships of
the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God; * God has established her for
ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-
kindness, O God, * in the midst of your
temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; * your right
hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round
about her; * count the number of her tow-
ers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there

shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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Matthew 24:32-44

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

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Zayin Memor esto verbi tui

49 Remember your word to your servant,
* because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, * that
your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of
old, * O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, * be-
cause of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to
me * wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O
LORD, * and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, * be-
cause I have kept your commandments.

Heth Portio mea, Domine

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; * I
have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, * be
merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways * and turned
my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry * to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, * I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, * because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you * and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; * instruct me in your statutes.

Teth Bonitatem fecisti

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, * for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, * but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; * instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, * but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, * but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, * that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me * than thousands in gold and silver.

Morning lessons

Zechariah 3:1-10

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways,

and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

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Revelation 4:1-8

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about

the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

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49 Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the

lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, * and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; Death is their shepherd; * they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, * and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; * he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, * or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, * nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, * and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, * who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, * are like the beasts that perish.

53 Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 9:8-17

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it

hath lighted upon Israel. And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Therefore the LORD shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

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Matthew 24:45-51

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Thursday, December 21

ST. THOMAS

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23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

121 Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall

asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you;
* the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

Morning lessons

Job 42:1-6

Then Job answered the LORD, and said,
I know that thou canst do every thing, and
that no thought can be withholden from
thee. Who is he that hideth counsel with-
out knowledge? therefore have I uttered
that I understood not; things too wonder-
ful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I be-
seech thee, and I will speak: I will demand
of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have
heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but

now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

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1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

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Evening psalms

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the
strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up
my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my
adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against
me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against
me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
* and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep
me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me
in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above
my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an
oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

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John 14:1-7

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not

so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. THOMAS

Everliving God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. THOMAS

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Morning psalms

40 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; * they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; * let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, * because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; * let those who love your salvation continually say, Great is the LORD!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, * the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

54 Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in
your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the
words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against
me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * it is the
Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and
praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trou-
ble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my
foes.

Morning lessons

Zechariah 7:8-8:8

And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah,

saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate. Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem,

and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

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Revelation 5:6-14

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the

book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

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Evening psalms

51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
* and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again * and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
* and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, * and
my tongue shall sing of your righteous-
ness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have of-
fered sacrifice, * but you take no delight
in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the ap-
pointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and
oblations; * then shall they offer young
bullocks upon your altar.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 10:5-19

O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few. For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings? Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus? As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols? Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as

one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped. Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood. Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day; And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

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Matthew 25:14-30

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability;

and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou

knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

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55 Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my prayer, O God; * do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; * I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy * and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me * and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, * and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, * and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! * I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place * and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 I would hasten to escape * from the stormy wind and tempest."

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; * for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, * but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption at her heart; * her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; * or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, * my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive to the grave; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, * and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, * and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; * for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; * they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; * he has broken his

covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, * but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, * but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; * he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful * down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, * but I will put my trust in you.

Morning lessons

Zechariah 8:9-17

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men

every one against his neighbour. But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts. For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not: So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

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Revelation 6:1-17

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of

the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a

loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

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138 Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

139 Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light

to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously
made; * your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and wo-
ven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfin-
ished in the womb; all of them were writ-
ten in your book; * they were fashioned
day by day, when as yet there was none of
them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
* how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be
more in number than the sand; * to count
them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O
God! * You that thirst for blood, depart
from me.

19 They speak spitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate
you? * and do I not loathe those who rise
up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 10:20-27

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of

Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

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Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited

me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday, December 24

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45 Eructavit cor meum

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, * in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth * and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; * your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, * and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

46 Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very

present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Morning lessons

Baruch 4:36-5:9

O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth

them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweetsmelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

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Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Part I Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
* from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is es-
tablished for ever; * you have set your faith-
fulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; * I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

4 I will establish your line for ever, * and
preserve your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens bear witness to your won-
ders, O LORD, * and to your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD? * who is like the LORD
among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council
of the holy ones, * great and terrible to all
those round about him.

8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?
* O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all
around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea * and still the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; * you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; * you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; * strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; * love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * The Holy One of Israel is our King.

Psalm 89: Part II Tunc locutus es

19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: * “I have set the crown

upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven."

30 "If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * 'I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.' "

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; * you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, * defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls * and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; * he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes * and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword * and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor *
and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth
* and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD?
will you hide yourself for ever? * how
long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, *
how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? * who
can save himself from the power of the
grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses
of old, * which you promised David in your
faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is
mocked, * how I carry in my bosom the
taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled,
O LORD, * which they hurled at the heels
of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! *
Amen, I say, Amen.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 59:15-21

Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth
from evil maketh himself a prey: and the

LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

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Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

CHRISTMAS EVE

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

CHRISTMAS EVE

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday, December 25

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2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?

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 listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Morning lessons

Zechariah 2:10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised

up out of his holy habitation.

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1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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110 Dixit Dominus

1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, * until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, * saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; * in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning.”

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: * “You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

5 The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day of his wrath; * he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; * he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; * therefore he will lift high his head.

132 Memento, Domine

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 “I will not come under the roof of my house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God’s dwelling place; * let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David’s sake, * do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:

12 “A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; * he has desired her for his habitation:

15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; * here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, * and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; * I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; * but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Evening lessons

Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and

he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

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John 3:31-36

He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

CHRISTMAS DAY

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

CHRISTMAS DAY

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Tuesday, December 26

ST. STEPHEN

Morning psalms

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Collect of the Day

Morning psalms

28 Ad te, Domine

1 O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; * lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, * when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, * who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, * and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; * therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! * for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; * my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, * and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, * a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; * shepherd them and carry them for ever.

30 Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Morning lessons

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD,

that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

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Acts 6:1-7

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip,

and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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Evening psalms

118 Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy
endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear the LORD now pro-
claim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will
not fear; * what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; * I
will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD * than
to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; * in the
Name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on
every side; * in the name of the LORD I
will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees; they
blaze like a fire of thorns; * in the name of

the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,
* but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and vic-
tory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD is
exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare
the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to
the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he
who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders re-
jected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Evening lessons

Wisdom 4:7-15

But though the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of him: so that living among sinners he was translated. Yea speedily was he taken away,

lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of naughtiness doth obscure things that are honest; and the wandering of concupiscence doth undermine the simple mind. He, being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time: For his soul pleased the Lord: therefore hasted he to take him away from among the wicked. This the people saw, and understood it not, neither laid they up this in their minds, That his grace and mercy is with his saints, and that he hath respect unto his chosen.

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Acts 7:59-8:8

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, enter-

ing into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. STEPHEN

We give the thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to thy Son Jesus Christ, who standeth at thy right hand; where he liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. STEPHEN

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Wednesday, December 27

ST. JOHN

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Morning psalms

97 Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
* righteousness and justice are the founda-
tions of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; * the
earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the pres-
ence of the LORD, * at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your judg-
ments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far above
all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
* he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-
hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

98 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he
has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory;
* his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithful-
ness to the house of Israel, * and all the
ends of the earth have seen the victory of
our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with
the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in
it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and
let the hills ring out with joy before the
LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
* and the peoples with equity.

Morning lessons

Proverbs 8:22-30

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

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John 13:20-35

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glori-

fied, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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Evening psalms

145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words
* and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall;
* he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
* and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
* and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love
him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name
for ever and ever.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 44:1-8

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea,

there is no God; I know not any.

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1 John 5:1-12

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He

that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

ST. JOHN

Shed upon thy Church, we beseech thee, O Lord, the brightness of thy light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of thine apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

ST. JOHN

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, December 28

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2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; * “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: * he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, * and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him!

26 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on
me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; * in
the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Morning lessons

Isaiah 49:13-23

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth;
and break forth into singing, O mountains:
for the LORD hath comforted his people,
and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But
Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me,
and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a
woman forget her sucking child, that she
should not have compassion on the son of
her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I
not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee
upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are
continually before me. Thy children shall
make haste; thy destroyers and they that
made thee waste shall go forth of thee. Lift
up thine eyes round about, and behold: all
these gather themselves together, and come
to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou
shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as

with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth. For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been? Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

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Matthew 18:1-14

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think

ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

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Evening psalms

19 Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language,
* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; * nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-
vives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment of
the LORD is clear and gives light to the
eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-
dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from pre-
sumptuous sins; let them not get domin-
ion over me; * then shall I be whole and
sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the med-
itation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re-
deemer.

126 In convertendo

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes
of Zion, * then were we like those who
dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
* and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The
LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us,
* and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like

the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 54:1-13

Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Re-

deemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

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Mark 10:13-16

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by the order of King Herod. Receive, we beseech thee, into the arms of thy mercy all innocent victims; and by thy great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish thy rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Part I Diligam te, Domine.

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, * O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, * my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the LORD, * and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, * and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, * and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the LORD in my distress * and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; * my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; * the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; * hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down
* with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; * he
made dark waters and thick clouds his pavil-
ion.

13 From the brightness of his presence,
through the clouds, * burst hailstones and
coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
* he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
* at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast
of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped
me; * he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong ene-
mies and from those who hated me; * for
they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my
disaster; * but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place;
* he rescued me because he delighted in
me.

Morning lessons

2 Samuel 23:13-17

And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

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2 John 1:1-13

The elder unto the elect lady and her chil-

dren, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that bid-deth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak

face to face, that our joy may be full. The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

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Evening psalms

Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; * because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD * and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, * and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him * and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, * because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; * with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, * but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, * but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; * my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; * with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; * he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength * and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer * and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle * and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; * your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, * and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; * they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; * you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; * they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; * I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; * you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; * strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; * they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock!
* Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory * and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; * you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, * and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; * he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 12:1-6

And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

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John 2:1-11

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to

do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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20 Exaudiat te Dominus

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, * the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

21 Domine, in virtute tua

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD;
* how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his
lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of pros-
perity, * and set a crown of fine gold upon
his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to
him: * length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your vic-
tory; * splendor and majesty have you be-
stowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity
* and will make him glad with the joy of
your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD;
* because of the loving-kindness of the Most
High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your
enemies; * your right hand will seize all
those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace
* at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath,
* and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from
the land * and their descendants from among
the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you and devise wicked schemes, * yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight * and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; * we will sing and praise your power.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 17:17-24

And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray

thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

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3 John 1:1-14

The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We there-

fore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true. I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

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Evening psalms

23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

27 Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my

adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For thou hast

been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low. And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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John 4:46-54

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was

sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

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Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust.”

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your

dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Morning lessons

1 Kings 3:5-14

In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and

thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

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Revelation 21:1-6

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

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Evening psalms

90 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the

sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
* who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Evening lessons

Isaiah 65:15-25

And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another

name: That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like

the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

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John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

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Collect of the Day (Traditional)

EVE OF HOLY NAME

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect of the Day (Contemporary)

EVE OF HOLY NAME

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.