



Psalm for Morning Prayer on  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Psalm 119.1-16**

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is pure, ◆  
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his  
testimonies ◆  
and seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 Those who do no wickedness, ◆  
but walk in his ways.
- 4 You, O Lord, have charged ◆  
that we should diligently keep your  
commandments.
- 5 O that my ways were made so direct ◆  
that I might keep your statutes.
- 6 Then should I not be put to shame, ◆  
because I have regard for all your  
commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, ◆  
when I have learned your righteous  
judgements.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; ◆  
O forsake me not utterly.
- 9 How shall young people cleanse their way ◆  
to keep themselves according to your word?
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought you; ◆  
O let me not go astray from your  
commandments.
- 11 Your words have I hidden within my  
heart, ◆  
that I should not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; ◆  
O teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I been telling ◆  
of all the judgements of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of  
your testimonies ◆  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments ◆  
and contemplate your ways.
- 16 My delight shall be in your statutes ◆  
and I will not forget your word.

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

## **First Reading Jeremiah 18.1-11**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 18, beginning at the first verse

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

## **Second Reading Luke 18.9-14**

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 18, beginning at the ninth verse

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”