

### 3rd after Trinity, 21/06

#### Psalm 49

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; ♦  
listen, all you that dwell in the world,
- 2 You of low or high degree, ♦  
both rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom ♦  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a parable; ♦  
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in evil days, ♦  
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,
- 6 Such as trust in their goods ♦  
and glory in the abundance of their riches?
- 7 For no one can indeed ransom another ♦  
or pay to God the price of deliverance.
- 8 To ransom a soul is too costly; ♦  
there is no price one could pay for it,
- 9 So that they might live for ever, ♦  
and never see the grave.
- 10 For we see that the wise die also;  
with the foolish and ignorant they perish ♦  
and leave their riches to others.
- 11 Their tomb is their home for ever,  
their dwelling through all generations, ♦  
though they call their lands after their own names.
- 12 Those who have honour, but lack understanding, ♦  
are like the beasts that perish.
- 13 Such is the way of those who boast in themselves, ♦  
the end of those who delight in their own words.
- 14 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;  
death is their shepherd; ♦  
they go down straight to the Pit.
- 15 Their beauty shall waste away, ♦  
and the land of the dead shall be their dwelling.
- 16 But God shall ransom my soul; ♦  
from the grasp of death will he take me.

- 17 Be not afraid if some grow rich ♦  
and the glory of their house increases,
- 18 For they will carry nothing away when they die, ♦  
nor will their glory follow after them.
- 19 Though they count themselves happy while they live ♦  
and praise you for your success,
- 20 They shall enter the company of their ancestors ♦  
who will nevermore see the light.
- 21 Those who have honour, but lack understanding, ♦  
are like the beasts that perish.

**Glory to ...**

## **21/06 Morning Prayer First Reading Deuteronomy 11.1–15**

You shall love the Lord your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always. Remember today that it was not your children (who have not known or seen the discipline of the Lord your God), but it is you who must acknowledge his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and to all his land; what he did to the Egyptian army, to their horses and chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued you, so that the Lord has destroyed them to this day; what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab son of Reuben, how in the midst of all Israel the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households, their tents, and every living being in their company; for it is your own eyes that have seen every great deed that the Lord did.

Keep, then, this entire commandment that I am commanding you today, so that you may have strength to go in and occupy the land that you are crossing over to occupy, and so that you may live long in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, a land that the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

## **21/06 Morning Prayer Second Reading Acts 27.1–12**

When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius. Embarking on a ship of Adramyttium that was about to set sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. The next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul kindly, and allowed him to go to his friends to be cared for. Putting out to sea from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. After we had sailed across the sea that is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship bound for Italy and put us on board. We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind was against us, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. Sailing past it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, saying, ‘Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.’ But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. Since the harbour was not suitable for spending the winter, the majority was in favour of putting to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, where they could spend the winter. It was a harbour of Crete, facing south-west and north-west.