

Psalms at Morning Prayer SS Peter and Paul, 28th June

Psalm 71

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; ♦ let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; ♦ incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; ♦ send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, ♦ from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, ♦ my confidence, even from my youth.
- 6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me from my mother's womb; ♦ 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 away in the time of 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; pursue him and take him, ♦ because there is none to deliver him.'
- 12 O God, be not far from me; ♦ come quickly to help me, O my God.
- 13 Let those who are against me be put to shame and disgrace; ♦ let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
- 14 But as for me I will hope continually ♦ and will praise you more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall tell of your righteousness and salvation all the day long, ♦ for I know no end of the telling.
- 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 Forsake me not, O God, when I am old and grey-headed, ♦ till I make

known your deeds to the next generation and your power to all that are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; ♦ in the great things you have done, who is like you, O God?

20 What troubles and adversities you have shown me, ♦ and yet you will turn and refresh me and bring me from the deep of the earth again.

21 Increase my honour; ♦

turn again and comfort me.

22 Therefore will I praise you upon the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; ♦ I will sing to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing out as I play to you, ♦ and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue also will tell of your righteousness all the day long, ♦ for they shall be shamed and disgraced who sought to do me evil.

Psalm 113

1 Alleluia. Give praise, you servants of the Lord, ♦ O praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord, ♦ from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting ♦ 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, that has his throne so high, ♦ yet humbles himself to behold the things of heaven and earth?

6 He raises the poor from the dust ♦ and lifts the needy from the ashes,

7 To set them with princes, ♦

with the princes of his people.

8 He gives the barren woman a place in the house ♦ and makes her a joyful mother of children. Alleluia.

Glory to ...

28th June St Peter and St Paul

Morning Prayer First Reading Isaiah 49.1–6

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

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Morning Prayer Second Reading Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’