



Psalm for Morning Prayer on Sunday 12th July, 6th after Trinity

Psalm 64

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; ♦
preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- 2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, ♦
from the gathering of evildoers.
- 3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword ♦
and aim their bitter words like arrows,
- 4 That they may shoot at the blameless from hiding places; ♦
suddenly they shoot, and are not seen.
- 5 They hold fast to their evil course; ♦
they talk of laying snares, saying, 'Who will see us?'
- 6 They search out wickedness and lay a cunning trap, ♦
for deep are the inward thoughts of the heart.
- 7 But God will shoot at them with his swift arrow, ♦
and suddenly they shall be wounded.
- 8 Their own tongues shall make them fall, ♦
and all who see them shall wag their heads in scorn.
- 9 All peoples shall fear and tell what God has done, ♦
and they will ponder all his works.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and put their trust in
him, ♦
and all that are true of heart shall exult.

Psalm 65

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦ to you that answer prayer
shall vows be paid.

2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.
3 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to
dwell there. ♦

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your
holy temple.

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, ♦ O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦ and are girded about
with might.

6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦ the roaring of their waves and
the clamour of the peoples.

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your
marvels; ♦ the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦ you make it very plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of water; ♦ you prepare grain for your
people, for so you provide for the earth.

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦ and your paths
overflow with plenty.

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦ and the
hills be girded with joy.

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦

and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and
sing.

Glory to

Morning Prayer 12th July First Reading - Deuteronomy 28.1–14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 28, verses 1 to 14.

Moses said to all Israel: If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

This is the word of the Lord **thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer 12th July Second Reading Acts 28.17–end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 28, verses 17 to the end.

Three days after we came to Rome, Paul called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, ‘Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor—even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.’ They replied, ‘We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.’

After they had fixed a day to meet him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: ‘The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

“Go to this people and say,
You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.
For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.”

Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.’

He lived there for two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

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