# Readings and Psalms for Prayer during the Day

# **Huddersfield Parish Church**

July-Sept 2023

# Guide for those leading Daily Prayer on site with Facebook livestream.

- Please use the orders of service provided (from the book stand at the West end.)
- Please invite anyone who is in the building to come and join you in the lady chapel for prayers if they wish
- Please encourage someone on site with you to read the reading if possible. They don't have to be on camera, but it would be helpful if they can sit at the front and speak up!
- It is not necessary to refer to any festival, lesser festival or commemoration. However, if you are going to use a collect for a festival as part of your prayers, please mention the festival in your introduction so that it makes sense.
- Please title the livestream on Facebook "Prayer during the day, day, month, date."
- Please introduce the psalm response before the psalm, and repeat it as you start the psalm to help maximum participation online and on site.
  - e.g. 'The response to the psalm when I say "O Lord my God" is "in you I take refuge". O Lord my God in you I take refuge.'
- There are no additional responses other than those printed in the sheet. i.e. no 'hear the word of the Lord' or 'Glory be..'

Day	Date	Month	Psalm	Reading
Monday	25	July	7	Luke 9.46-56

Psalm response: O Lord my God, in you I take refuge

O Lord my God, in you I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me, or like a lion they will tear me apart; they will drag me away, with no one to rescue.

# O Lord my God, in you I take refuge

O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, if I have repaid my ally with harm or plundered my foe without cause, then let the enemy pursue and overtake me, trample my life to the ground, and lay my soul in the dust.

# O Lord my God, in you I take refuge

O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous, you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God.
God is my shield, who saves the upright in heart.
God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day.

# O Lord my God, in you I take refuge

Tuesday	26	July	132	Luke 21.5-19
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Psalm response: Do not turn away the face of your anointed one

O LORD, remember in David's favour all the hardships he endured; how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

Do not turn away the face of your anointed one

'I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

Do not turn away the face of your anointed one

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place, you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

Do not turn away the face of your anointed one

Wednesday | 27 | July | 119.153-end | Luke 21.20-28

Psalm response: Look on my misery and rescue me

Look on my misery and rescue me, for I do not forget your law.

Plead my cause and redeem me;

give me life according to your promise.

Look on my misery and rescue me

Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your justice.

Look on my misery and rescue me

Consider how I love your precepts; preserve my life according to your steadfast love.

The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures for ever.

Look on my misery and rescue me

Thursday 28 July 143 Luke 21.29-end

Psalm response: Hear my prayer O Lord: hear me in your faithfulness

Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

Hear my prayer O Lord: hear me in your faithfulness

Do not enter into judgement with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Hear my prayer O Lord: hear me in your faithfulness

I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Hear my prayer O Lord: hear me in your faithfulness

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.

Teach me the way I should go,

Teach me the way I should go for to you I lift up my soul.

Hear my prayer O Lord: hear me in your faithfulness

Friday 29 July 144 Luke 22.1-13

Psalm response: Blessed be the Lord The Lord is my rock

O LORD, what are human beings that you regard them, or mortals that you think of them?

They are like a breath;

their days are like a passing shadow.

Blessed be the Lord The Lord is my rock

Stretch out your hand from on high; set me free and rescue me from the mighty waters, from the hand of aliens, whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hands are false.

Blessed be the Lord **The Lord is my rock** 

I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you, the one who gives victory to kings, who rescues his servant David.

Blessed be the Lord **The Lord is my rock** 

Monday	1	August	1	Luke 22.24-30

Psalm response: Our delight shall be in the law of the LORD

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Our delight shall be in the law of the LORD

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

Our delight shall be in the law of the LORD

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Our delight shall be in the law of the LORD

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Psalm response: Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God

Psalm response: Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

# Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.

#### Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord

Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

# Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord

I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me. My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord

Thursday 4 August 15 Luke 22.47-62

Psalm response: Those who do these things shall never be moved

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

Those who do these things shall never be moved

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

Those who do these things **shall never be moved** in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the LORD;

Those who do these things shall never be moved

who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things **shall never be moved**.

Friday 5 August 19 Luke 22.63-end.

Psalm response: The heavens are telling the glory of God

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

Monday 8 August 30 Luke 23.13-15

Psalm response: O Lord my God I cried to you for help.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

- O Lord my God I cried to you for help.
- O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- O Lord my God I cried to you for help.
- O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- O Lord my God I cried to you for help.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

O Lord my God I cried to you for help.

Tuesday 9 August 36 Luke 23.26-43

Psalm response: Your steadfast love O Lord, extends to the heavens

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.

Your steadfast love O Lord, extends to the heavens

The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

Your steadfast love O Lord, extends to the heavens

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your steadfast love O Lord, extends to the heavens

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep;

Your steadfast love O Lord, extends to the heavens

Wednesday 10 August 34 Luke 23.44-56a

Psalm response: I will bless the Lord at all times

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

I will bless the Lord at all times

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

I will bless the Lord at all times

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

I will bless the Lord at all times

Thursday 11 August 37 Luke 23.56b-24.12

Psalm response: Trust in the Lord and do good.

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

#### Trust in the Lord and do good.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

#### Trust in the Lord and do good.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Trust in the Lord **and do good.** 

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Psalm response: In you O Lord I seek refuge

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

#### In you O Lord I seek refuge

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

# In you O Lord I seek refuge

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

# In you O Lord I seek refuge

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

# In you O Lord I seek refuge

Monday 15 August 98 Luke 11.27-28

Psalm response: O sing to the LORD Sing a new song

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

#### O sing to the LORD Sing a new song

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

#### O sing to the LORD Sing a new song

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD,

#### O sing to the LORD Sing a new song

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

O sing to the LORD Sing a new song

Tuesday 16 August 48 Acts 1.15-end

Psalm response: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

# Great is the LORD **and greatly to be praised**

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defence.

# Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,

in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

Wednesday 17 August 119.57-80 Acts 2.1-21

Psalm response: You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words. I implore your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

When I think of your ways, I turn my feet to your decrees; I hurry and do not delay to keep your commandments.

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous ordinances.

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. Teach me good judgement and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Thursday 18 August 59 Acts 2.22-36

Psalm response: Deliver me from my enemies, **Deliver me O my God**;

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me.

Deliver me from those who work evil; from the bloodthirsty save me.

Deliver me from my enemies, Deliver me O my God;

Even now they lie in wait for my life; the mighty stir up strife against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD, for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.

Deliver me from my enemies, **Deliver me O my God**;

Rouse yourself, come to my help and see!
You, LORD God of hosts, are God of Israel.
Awake to punish all the nations;
spare none of those who treacherously plot evil.

Deliver me from my enemies, Deliver me O my God;

Friday 19 August 51 Acts 2.37-end

Psalm response: Wash me thoroughly O LORD cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly O LORD cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

Wash me thoroughly O LORD cleanse me from my sin.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Wash me thoroughly O LORD cleanse me from my sin.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Wash me thoroughly O LORD cleanse me from my sin.

	Monday	22	August	71	Acts 3.11-end
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Psalm response: O my God, make haste to help me!

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

O my God, make haste to help me!

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, make haste to help me!

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

O my God, make haste to help me!

My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.
O God, do not be far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

Tuesday 23 August 74 Acts 4.1-12

Psalm response: O let the poor and needy praise your name O God

Why do you cast us off for ever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago, which you redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage.

O let the poor and needy praise your name O God

We do not see our emblems; there is no longer any prophet, and there is no one among us who knows how long.

How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?

Is the enemy to revile your name for ever?

O let the poor and needy praise your name O God

Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the earth.

You divided the sea by your might;

Yours is the day, yours also the night;

O let the poor and needy **praise your name O God** 

Have regard for your covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the haunts of violence. Do not let the downtrodden be put to shame;

O let the poor and needy praise your name O God

Wednesday 24 August 86 John 1.43-end

Psalm response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Thursday 25 August 78.1-39 Acts 4.32-5.11

Psalm response: Let us not forget the works of God

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Let us not forget the works of God

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Let us not forget the works of God

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

Let us not forget the works of God

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation

Let us not forget the works of God

the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Let us not forget the works of God

Friday 26 August 55 Acts 5.12-26

Psalm response: I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.

Give ear to my prayer, O God;

do not hide yourself from my supplication.

Attend to me, and answer me;

I am troubled in my complaint.

I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.

My heart is in anguish within me,

the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

And I say, 'O that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest; truly, I would flee far away;

I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.

But I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he will hear my voice.

I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.

Monday	29	August	80	Acts 6

Psalm response: Restore us, O God; let your face shine

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Restore us, O God; let your face shine

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine

Tuesday 30 August 89.1-18 Acts 7.1-16

Psalm response: I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations

I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations

The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.

I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations

# Wednesday 31 August 119.105-128 Acts 7.17-43

Psalm response: Your word O LORD is a lamp to my feet

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

#### Your word O LORD is a lamp to my feet

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

#### Your word O LORD is a lamp to my feet

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

# Your word O LORD is a lamp to my feet

Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes for ever, to the end.

# Your word O LORD is a lamp to my feet

Thursday	1	September	02	Acts 7.44-53
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Psalm response: Give thanks to the LORD Give praise to your name.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Give thanks to the LORD Give praise to your name.

to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

Give thanks to the LORD Give praise to your name.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Give thanks to the LORD Give praise to your name.

Friday 2 September 88 Acts 7.54-8.3

Psalm response: My soul is troubled Lord hear my cry

O LORD, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence, let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.

My soul is troubled Lord hear my cry

For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;

My soul is troubled **Lord hear my cry** 

I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow.

Every day I call on you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you.

My soul is troubled Lord hear my cry

Monday 5 September 98 Acts 8.26-end

Psalm response: Sing to the LORD sing a new song

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

Sing to the LORD **sing a new song** 

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Sing to the LORD sing a new song

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Sing to the LORD sing a new song

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing to the LORD **sing a new song** 

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Sing to the LORD **sing a new song** 

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Sing to the LORD **sing a new song** 

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Psalm response: Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is good

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is good

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is good

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them;

Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is good

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is good

Wednesday 7 September 111 Acts 9.19b-31

Psalm response: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart

Thursday 8 September 115 Acts 9.32-end

Psalm response:

May we be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

May we be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Why should the nations say, Where is their God?'
Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

May we be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

May we be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.

May we be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Friday 9 September 139 Acts 10.1-16

Psalm response: Search me, O God, and know my heart

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Search me, O God, and know my heart

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Search me, O God, and know my heart

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

Search me, O God, and know my heart

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Search me, O God, and know my heart

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart

Psalm Response:

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced

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

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced

then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'
The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced

Tuesday 13 September 132 Acts 11.1-18

Psalm response: Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place

O LORD, remember in David's favour all the hardships he endured; how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, 'I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place

We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. 'Let us go to his dwelling-place; let us worship at his footstool.'

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place, you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place

Wednesday 14 September 2 John 12.27-36a

Psalm response: We will take our refuge in God our saviour

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

We will take our refuge in God our saviour

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

We will take our refuge in God our saviour

I will tell of the decree of the LORD:

He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you.

We will take our refuge in God our saviour

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet,

We will take our refuge in God our saviour

Happy are all who take refuge in God.

We will take our refuge in God our saviour

Thursday 15 September 143 Acts 12.1-17

Psalm response: Answer me quickly O LORD, my spirit fails me

Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

Answer me quickly O LORD, my spirit fails me

Do not enter into judgement with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Answer me quickly O LORD, my spirit fails me

For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Answer me quickly O LORD, my spirit fails me

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly O LORD, my spirit fails me

Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Answer me quickly O LORD, my spirit fails me

Friday 16 September 144 Acts 12.18-end

Psalm response: The LORD is my rock, my stronghold and my deliverer

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;

my rock and my fortress,

my stronghold and my deliverer,

my shield, in whom I take refuge,

who subdues the peoples under me.

# The LORD is my rock, my stronghold and my deliverer

O LORD, what are human beings that you regard them, or mortals that you think of them?

They are like a breath; their days are like a passing shadow.

# The LORD is my rock, my stronghold and my deliverer

I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you, the one who gives victory to kings, who rescues his servant David.

# The LORD is my rock, my stronghold and my deliverer

Rescue me from the cruel sword, and deliver me from the hand of aliens, whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hands are false.

The LORD is my rock, my stronghold and my deliverer

Monday 19 September 1 Acts 13.13-43

Psalm response: Our delight is in the law the law of the LORD

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Our delight is in the law the law of the LORD

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Our delight is in the law the law of the LORD

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

Our delight is in the law the law of the LORD

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Our delight is in the law the law of the LORD

Tuesday 20 September 5 Acts 13.44-14.7

Psalm response:

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.

The boastful will not stand before your eyes;

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house,

I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you.

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing.

# Wednesday 21 September 49 2 Timothy 3.14-end

Psalm response: Listen to the LORD Hear this all you peoples

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.

# Listen to the LORD Hear this all you peoples

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

# Listen to the LORD Hear this all you peoples

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

# Listen to the LORD Hear this all you peoples

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it. For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice, that one should live on for ever and never see the grave.

# Listen to the LORD Hear this all you peoples

Thursday 22 September 15 Acts 15.1-21

Psalm Response: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the LORD;

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Friday 23 September 19 Acts 15.22-35

Psalm response: The heavens are telling the glory of God

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The heavens are telling the glory of God

Monday 26 September 30 Acts 16.6-24

Psalm response: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones

Tuesday 27 September 36 Acts 16.25-end.

Psalm response: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens

For they flatter themselves in their own eyes that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens

The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens

# Wednesday 28 September 34 Acts 17.1-15

Psalm response: I sought the LORD and the LORD answered me

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

I sought the LORD and the LORD answered me

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

I sought the LORD **and the LORD answered me** 

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

I sought the LORD and the LORD answered me

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

I sought the LORD and the LORD answered me

Thursday 29 September 150 Daniel 12.1-4

Psalm response: Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD our God, praise God in all things

Friday 30 September 31 Acts 18.1-21

Psalm response:

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.



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