

ST JOHN & ST LUKE
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Evening Prayer for Epiphany

From earliest times, Christians gathered regularly each day to praise God for His goodness, and to pray for the salvation of the world.

In Epiphany season, we celebrate the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, falls in this season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The season of joyful celebration began at Christmas continues, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas), when the child is recognized by Simeon and Anna in the Temple.

This book has three parts:

pp.2-5: Order of service for Evening Prayer for Epiphany Season

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p. 45: The scripture reading used for each day, which you can find in your Bible.

You are welcome to join in with those bits written in **bold**.

Please also join in with the even numbered verses of the Psalms and the Gospel canticle.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of the Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into your marvellous light,
may our lives bear witness to your truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalmody

We recite a Psalm together; you can find the Psalm(s) appointed for this day at the end of this booklet.

Please join in by saying the even numbered verses, if you wish.

We leave a pause at the diamond, half way through each verse, as we allow God's word to rest in our minds.

At the end of the Psalm, please turn back to this page as we say

**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.**

Scripture Reading

We hear a reading from the New Testament; you can find the reading appointed for this day at the end of this booklet.

After the scripture reading we say

Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Gospel Canticle

**Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46–55

**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.**

**Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

Intercessions

Thanksgiving is made for the day.

Intercessions may be offered

for our communities

for the world

for justice and peace

for those in need

The Collect of the day or the season is said,

to which we reply

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Conclusion

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,

give us the power of his Spirit.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epiphany Psalter

Tuesday 5th January

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; ♦
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him ♦
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world; ♦
the earth saw it and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, ♦
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness, ♦
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in mere idols. ♦
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, ♦
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; ♦
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; ♦
he preserves the lives of his faithful
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous ♦
and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ♦
and give thanks to his holy name.

*Most high and holy God,
enthroned in fire and light,
burn away the dross of our lives
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that our lives may reveal the light and life
we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Wednesday 6th January

Psalm 65

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦
the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦
and the peoples with equity.

*Lord God, just and true,
you make your salvation known in the sight of the nations;
tune the song of our hearts to the music of creation
as you come among us to judge the earth;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Thursday 7th January

Psalm 118

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 5 In my constraint I called to the Lord; ♦
the Lord answered and set me free.
- 6 The Lord is at my side; I will not fear; ♦
what can flesh do to me?
- 7 With the Lord at my side as my saviour, ♦
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord ♦
than to put any confidence in flesh.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord ♦
than to put any confidence in princes.
- 10 All the nations encompassed me, ♦
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 11 They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on every side, ♦
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

12 They swarmed about me like bees;
they blazed like fire among thorns, ♦
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

13 Surely, I was thrust to the brink, ♦
but the Lord came to my help.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 ‘The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.’

17 I shall not die, but live ♦
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.
29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

*Saving God,
open the gates of righteousness,
that your pilgrim people may enter
and be built into a living temple
on the cornerstone of our salvation,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Friday 8th January

Psalm 115

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
4 One generation shall praise your works to another ♦
and declare your mighty acts.
5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness.
7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone ♦
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦
and speak of your mighty power,

12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is sure in all his words ♦
and faithful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
he hears their cry and saves them.

21 The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

*King of the universe,
you show the bright glory of your reign
in acts of mercy and enduring love;
raise the spirits of the downcast
and restore those who have fallen away,
that we may sing for ever of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Saturday 9th January

Psalm 36

- 1 Sin whispers to the wicked, in the depths of their heart; ♦
there is no fear of God before their eyes.
- 2 They flatter themselves in their own eyes ♦
that their abominable sin will not be found out.
- 3 The words of their mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit; ♦
they have ceased to act wisely and to do good.
- 4 They think out mischief upon their beds
and have set themselves in no good way; ♦
nor do they abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; ♦
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
- 7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦
they shall drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life ♦
and in your light shall we see light.

10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, ♦
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

12 There are they fallen, all who work wickedness. ♦
They are cast down and shall not be able to stand.

*O God, the well of life,
make us bright with wisdom,
that we may be lightened with the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Sunday 10th January

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, ♦
a very present help in trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell, ♦
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; ♦
God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

*God of Jacob,
when the earth shakes
and the nations are in uproar,
speak, and let the storm be still;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Monday 11th January

Psalm 34

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who is there who delights in life ♦
and longs for days to enjoy good things?

13 Keep your tongue from evil ♦
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; ♦
seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them ♦
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦
from them all will the Lord deliver them.

20 He keeps all their bones, ♦
so that not one of them is broken.

21 But evil shall slay the wicked ♦
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants ♦
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

*Send your holy angels
to watch over us, O God,
that on our lips will be found your truth
and in our hearts your love;
so we may ever taste your goodness
in the land of the living;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Tuesday 12th January

Psalm 45

- 1 My heart is astir with gracious words; ♦
as I make my song for the king,
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; ♦
full of grace are your lips,
for God has blest you for ever.
- 3 Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one; ♦
gird on your majesty and glory.
- 4 Ride on and prosper in the cause of truth ♦
and for the sake of humility and righteousness.
- 5 Your right hand will teach you terrible things; ♦
your arrows will be sharp in the heart of the king's enemies,
so that peoples fall beneath you.
- 6 Your throne is God's throne, for ever; ♦
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.
- 7 You love righteousness and hate iniquity; ♦
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia; ♦
from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women; ♦
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; ♦
forget your own people and your father's house.

11 So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; ♦
he is your lord, so do him honour.

12 The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; ♦
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

13 The king's daughter is all glorious within; ♦
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

14 She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; ♦
after her the virgins that are her companions.

15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought ♦
and enter into the palace of the king.

16 'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons, ♦
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

17 'I will make your name to be remembered through all
generations; ♦
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

*Lord our God,
bring your bride, your holy Church,
with joy to the marriage feast of heaven,
and unite us with your anointed Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Wednesday 13th January

Psalm 47

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; ♦
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued the peoples under us ♦
and the nations under our feet.

4 He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth; ♦
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; ♦
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together ♦
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦
and he is very highly exalted.

*As Christ was raised by your glory, O Father,
so may we be raised to new life
and rejoice to be called your children,
both now and for ever.*

Thursday 14th January

Psalm 61

1 Hear my crying, O God, ♦
and listen to my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart; ♦
O set me on the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you are my refuge, ♦
a strong tower against the enemy.

4 Let me dwell in your tent for ever ♦
and take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, will hear my vows; ♦
you will grant the request of those who fear your name.

6 You will add length of days to the life of the king, ♦
that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 May he sit enthroned before God for ever; ♦
may steadfast love and truth watch over him.

8 So will I always sing praise to your name, ♦
and day by day fulfil my vows.

*Risen Christ,
as you knew the discipline of suffering
and the victory that brings us salvation,
so grant us your presence in our weakness
and a place in your unending kingdom
now and for evermore.*

Friday 15th January

Psalm 68

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦
let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦
let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦
when you marched through the wilderness,
8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.
11 The Lord gave the word;
great was the company of women who bore the tidings: ♦
'Kings and their armies they flee, they flee!'
and women at home are dividing the spoil.
12 Though you stayed among the sheepfolds, ♦
see now a dove's wings covered with silver
and its feathers with green gold.
13 When the Almighty scattered the kings, ♦
it was like snowflakes falling on Zalmon.
14 You mighty mountain, great mountain of Bashan! ♦
You towering mountain, great mountain of Bashan!
15 Why look with envy, you towering mountains,
at the mount which God has desired for his dwelling, ♦
the place where the Lord will dwell for ever?
16 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
even thousands upon thousands; ♦
the Lord is among them, the Lord of Sinai in holy power.
17 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; ♦
you have received tribute,
even from those who rebelled,
that you may reign as Lord and God.
18 Blessed be the Lord who bears our burdens day by day, ♦
for God is our salvation.

19 God is for us the God of our salvation; ♦
God is the Lord who can deliver from death.

20 God will smite the head of his enemies, ♦
the hairy scalp of those who walk in wickedness.

21 The Lord has said, 'From the heights of Bashan, ♦
from the depths of the sea will I bring them back,

22 'Till you dip your foot in blood ♦
and the tongue of your dogs has a taste of your enemies.'

23 We see your solemn processions, O God, ♦
your processions into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

24 The singers go before, the musicians follow after, ♦
in the midst of maidens playing on timbrels.

25 In your companies, bless your God; ♦
bless the Lord, you that are of the fount of Israel.

26 At the head there is Benjamin, least of the tribes,
the princes of Judah in joyful company, ♦
the princes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

27 Send forth your strength, O God; ♦
establish, O God, what you have wrought in us.

28 For your temple's sake in Jerusalem ♦
kings shall bring their gifts to you.

29 Drive back with your word the wild beast of the reeds, ♦
the herd of the bull-like, the brutish hordes.

30 Trample down those who lust after silver; ♦
scatter the peoples that delight in war.

31 Vessels of bronze shall be brought from Egypt; ♦
Ethiopia will stretch out her hands to God.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦
make music in praise of the Lord;

33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦
whose power is above the clouds.

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!
Blessed be God.

*Blessed are you, gracious God;
you make your home among the weak,
you deliver us from death,
you bring us joy beyond our imagining
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Saturday 16th January

Psalm 85

1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; ♦
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the offence of your people ♦
and covered all their sins.

3 You laid aside all your fury ♦
and turned from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us again, O God our Saviour, ♦
and let your anger cease from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? ♦
Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

6 Will you not give us life again, ♦
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, ♦
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.

9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together, ♦
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦
and righteousness look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him ♦
and direct his steps in the way.

*Most holy God,
when we come to you fearing that
truth condemns us,
show us that truth is one with love
in your Word made flesh,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Sunday 17th January

Psalm 96

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; ♦
tell out his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations ♦
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ♦
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols; ♦
it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him; ♦
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ♦
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; ♦
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. ♦
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; ♦
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
- 12 Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; ♦
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; ♦
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

*Lord God, you draw us by your beauty
and transform us by your holiness;
let our worship echo all creation's praise
and declare your glory to the nations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Monday 18th January

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.

*Faithful Lord, living Saviour,
in youth and old age,
from the womb to the grave,
may we know your protection
and proclaim your great salvation
to the glory of God the Father.*

Tuesday 19th January

Psalm 89.1-37

1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord; ♦
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.

2 I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

3 For you said: ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ♦
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 “Your seed will I establish for ever ♦
and build up your throne for all generations.”

5 The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, ♦
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord? ♦
Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?

7 A God feared in the council of the holy ones, ♦
great and terrible above all those round about him.

8 Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? ♦
Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea; ♦
you still its waves when they arise.

10 You crushed Rahab with a deadly wound ♦
and scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; ♦
you established the world and all that fills it.

12 You created the north and the south; ♦
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

13 You have a mighty arm; ♦
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; ♦
steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: ♦
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

16 In your name they rejoice all the day long ♦
and are exalted in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, ♦
and in your favour you lift up our heads.

18 Truly the Lord is our shield; ♦
the Holy One of Israel is our king.

*As we sing of your love, O Lord,
anoint us with the Spirit's seal,
that we may praise your faithfulness
and proclaim your truth from age to age;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: ♦
'I have set a youth above the mighty;
I have raised a young man over the people.

20 'I have found David my servant; ♦
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 'My hand shall hold him fast ♦
and my arm shall strengthen him.

22 'No enemy shall deceive him, ♦
nor any wicked person afflict him.

23 'I will strike down his foes before his face ♦
and beat down those that hate him.

24 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him, ♦
and in my name shall his head be exalted.

25 I will set his dominion upon the sea ♦
and his right hand upon the rivers.

26 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father, ♦
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"

27 'And I will make him my firstborn, ♦
the most high above the kings of the earth.
28 'The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever, ♦
and my covenant will stand fast with him.
29 'His seed also will I make to endure for ever ♦
and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 'But if his children forsake my law ♦
and cease to walk in my judgements,
31 'If they break my statutes ♦
and do not keep my commandments,
32 'I will punish their offences with a rod ♦
and their sin with scourges.
33 'But I will not take from him my steadfast love ♦
nor suffer my truth to fail.
34 'My covenant will I not break ♦
nor alter what has gone out of my lips.
35 'Once for all have I sworn by my holiness ♦
that I will not prove false to David.
36 'His seed shall endure for ever ♦
and his throne as the sun before me;
37 'It shall stand fast for ever as the moon, ♦
the enduring witness in the heavens.'

*Faithful God,
remember your promise
fulfilled in your anointed Son Jesus Christ,
in whose strength alone we stand,
now and for ever.*

Wednesday 20th January

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; ♦
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him ♦
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world; ♦
the earth saw it and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, ♦
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness, ♦
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in mere idols. ♦
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, ♦
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; ♦
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; ♦
he preserves the lives of his faithful
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous ♦
and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ♦
and give thanks to his holy name.

*Most high and holy God,
enthroned in fire and light,
burn away the dross of our lives
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that our lives may reveal the light and life
we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Thursday 21st January

Psalm 111

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, ♦
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, ♦
sought out by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and honour ♦
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; ♦
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gave food to those who feared him; ♦
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works ♦
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; ♦
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever; ♦
they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; ♦
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it; ♦
his praise endures for ever.

*Gracious God, you are full of compassion;
may we who long for your kingdom to come
rejoice to do your will
and acknowledge your power alone to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Friday 22nd January

Psalm 73

- 1 Truly, God is loving to Israel, ♦
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone; ♦
my steps had well-nigh slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the proud; ♦
I saw the wicked in such prosperity;
- 4 For they suffer no pains ♦
and their bodies are sleek and sound;
- 5 They come to no misfortune like other folk; ♦
nor are they plagued as others are;
- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace ♦
and violence wraps them like a cloak.
- 7 Their iniquity comes from within; ♦
the conceits of their hearts overflow.
- 8 They scoff, and speak only of evil; ♦
they talk of oppression from on high.
- 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, ♦
and their tongue ranges round the earth;
- 10 And so the people turn to them ♦
and find in them no fault.
- 11 They say, ‘How should God know? ♦
Is there knowledge in the Most High?’

12 Behold, these are the wicked; ♦
ever at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 Is it in vain that I cleansed my heart ♦
and washed my hands in innocence?

14 All day long have I been stricken ♦
and chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, 'I will speak as they do,' ♦
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 Then thought I to understand this, ♦
but it was too hard for me,

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God ♦
and understood the end of the wicked:

18 How you set them in slippery places; ♦
you cast them down to destruction.

19 How suddenly do they come to destruction, ♦
perish and come to a fearful end!

20 As with a dream when one awakes, ♦
so, Lord, when you arise you will despise their image.

21 When my heart became embittered ♦
and I was pierced to the quick,

22 I was but foolish and ignorant; ♦
I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; ♦
you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with your counsel ♦
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? ♦
And there is nothing upon earth that I desire
in comparison with you.

26 Though my flesh and my heart fail me, ♦
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; ♦
you will put to silence the faithless who betray you.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; ♦
in the Lord God have I made my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

*Holy God,
may we find wisdom in your presence
and set our hope not on uncertain riches
but on the love that holds us to the end;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Saturday 23rd January

Psalm 61

1 Hear my crying, O God, ♦
and listen to my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart; ♦
O set me on the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you are my refuge, ♦
a strong tower against the enemy.

4 Let me dwell in your tent for ever ♦
and take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, will hear my vows; ♦
you will grant the request of those who fear your name.

6 You will add length of days to the life of the king, ♦
that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 May he sit enthroned before God for ever; ♦
may steadfast love and truth watch over him.

8 So will I always sing praise to your name, ♦
and day by day fulfil my vows.

*Risen Christ,
as you knew the discipline of suffering
and the victory that brings us salvation,
so grant us your presence in our weakness
and a place in your unending kingdom
now and for evermore.*

Sunday 24th January

Psalm 149

1 Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; ♦
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; ♦
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people ♦
and adorns the poor with salvation.

5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; ♦
let them rejoice in their ranks,

6 With the praises of God in their mouths ♦
and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To execute vengeance on the nations ♦
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains ♦
and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute on them the judgement decreed: ♦
such honour have all his faithful servants.

Alleluia.

*Glorious and redeeming God,
give us hearts to praise you all our days
and wills to reject the world's deceits,
that we may bind the evils of our age
and proclaim the good news of salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Monday 25th January

Psalm 119.41-56

41 Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, ♦
even your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I answer those who taunt me, ♦
for my trust is in your word.

43 O take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, ♦
for my hope is in your judgements.

44 So shall I always keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, ♦
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your testimonies, even before kings, ♦
and will not be ashamed.

47 My delight shall be in your commandments, ♦
which I have greatly loved.

48 My hands will I lift up to your commandments,
which I love, ♦
and I will meditate on your statutes.

7 *Zayin*

49 Remember your word to your servant, ♦
on which you have built my hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, ♦
that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, ♦
but I have not turned aside from your law.

52 I have remembered your everlasting judgements, O Lord, ♦
and have been comforted.

53 I am seized with indignation at the wicked, ♦
for they have forsaken your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me ♦
in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought on your name in the night, O Lord, ♦
and so have I kept your law.

56 These blessings have been mine, ♦
for I have kept your commandments.

*God of loving mercy,
in this place of our pilgrimage
turn your laws into songs,
that we may find your promises
fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Tuesday 26th January

Psalm 145

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another ♦
and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone ♦
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦
and speak of your mighty power,
- 12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is sure in all his words ♦
and faithful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
he hears their cry and saves them.
- 21 The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

*King of the universe,
you show the bright glory of your reign
in acts of mercy and enduring love;
raise the spirits of the downcast
and restore those who have fallen away,
that we may sing for ever of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Wednesday 27th January

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; ♦
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; ♦
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever.*

Thursday 28th January

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is this King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'

*O Lord of hosts,
purify our hearts
that the King of glory may come in,
your Son, Jesus our redeemer.*

Friday 29th January

Psalm 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,

2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.

3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.*

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.*

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us, ♦
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

*In the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth,
O God of all the nations;
with all your people,
may we make known your grace
and walk in the ways of peace;
for your name's sake.*

Saturday 30th January

Psalm 72

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦
and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦
and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, ♦
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ♦
from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, ♦
like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, ♦
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea ♦
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 May his foes kneel before him ♦
and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; ♦
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; ♦
all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, ♦
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; ♦
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, ♦
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live;
unto him may be given gold from Sheba; ♦
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,
standing thick upon the hilltops; ♦
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon
and its grain grow like the grass of the field.

17 May his name remain for ever
and be established as long as the sun endures; ♦
may all nations be blest in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, ♦
who alone does wonderful things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever. ♦
May all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

*May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, the only Saviour.*

Sunday 31st January

Psalm 34.1-10

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

*Send your holy angels
to watch over us, O God,
that on our lips will be found your truth
and in our hearts your love;
so we may ever taste your goodness
in the land of the living;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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