

Additional Psalms

Psalm 54; antiphon: v. 4

The LORD Upholds My Life

¹O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

²O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

⁴Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

⁵He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

⁶With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice to you;*
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

Reading

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

Reading

1 Timothy 6:12–14

¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reading

John 12:20–33

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.** ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

²⁷“**Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.** ²⁸**Father, glorify your name.”** Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “**This voice has come for your sake, not mine.** ³¹**Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.** ³²**And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”** ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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