

## Additional Psalms

*Psalm 33:12–22; antiphon: v. 20*

- <sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from | heaven;\*  
he sees all the chil- | dren of man;
- <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he | looks out\*  
on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
- <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts | of them all\*  
and observes | all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great | army;\*  
a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,\*  
and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
- <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*  
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their | soul from death\*  
and keep them alive in | famine.
- <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*  
he is our help | and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>For our heart is | glad in him,\*  
because we trust in his | holy name.
- <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,\*  
even as we | hope in you.

## Reading

*Genesis 15:1–6*

### God's Covenant with Abram

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own

son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

## Reading

*1 John 4:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## Reading

*Luke 16:19–31*

### The Rich Man and Lazarus

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and

the Prophets; let them hear them.’<sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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