

Additional Psalms

Psalm 34:12–22; antiphon: v. 11

- ¹²What man is there who de- | sires life*
and loves many days, that he may | see good?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from | evil*
and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.
- ¹⁴Turn away from evil | and do good;*
seek peace and pur- | sue it.
- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the | righteous*
and his ears | toward their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil,*
to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.
- ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted*
and saves the crushed in | spirit.
- ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.
- ²⁰He keeps | all his bones;*
not one of them is | broken.
- ²¹Affliction will slay the | wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.
- ²²The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Reading

Proverbs 9:1–10

The Way of Wisdom

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”

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To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Reading

Ephesians 2:13–22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reading

Luke 14:15–24

¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with [Jesus] heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

¹⁶But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it.

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Please have me excused.’¹⁹And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’²⁰And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’²²And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’²³And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’²⁴For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

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