



Additional Psalms

Psalm 103:1–13; antiphon: v. 8

Bless the LORD, O My Soul

- ¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!
- ²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits,
- ³who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,
- ⁴who redeems your life | from the pit,*
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
- ⁵who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD works | righteousness*
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
his acts to the people of | Israel.
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
- ¹²as far as the east is | from the west,*
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his | children,*
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.



Reading

Micah 7:18–20

God's Steadfast Love and Compassion

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

Reading

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of



ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Reading

Luke 15:1–10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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