

Psalm

- ¹Oh sing to the LORD a | new song; *
sing to the LORD, | all the earth!
- ²Sing to the LORD, | bless his name; *
tell of his salvation from | day to day.
- ³Declare his glory among the | nations, *
his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
- ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised; *
he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
- ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols, *
but the LORD made the | heavens.
- ⁶Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him; *
strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples, *
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; *
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness; *
tremble before him, | all the earth!
- ¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall nev- | er be moved; *
he will judge the peoples with | equity."
- ¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the | earth rejoice; *
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹²let the field exult, and every- | thing in it!
- Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³before the LORD, | for he comes, *
for he comes to | judge the earth.
- He will judge the world in | righteousness, *
and the peoples in his | faithfulness.
- Glory be to the Father, and | to the son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit
- As it was in the be - | ginning, *
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 1

Jonah Flees the Presence of the LORD

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

Jonah Is Thrown into the Sea

⁷And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.”

¹³Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

A Great Fish Swallows Jonah

¹⁷ And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Gradual

Psalm 102:15–16

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–10

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 97:1

Alleluia. The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:23–27

Jesus Calms a Storm

²³When [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” ²⁶And he said to them, “**Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?**” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

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