

Psalm

Psalm 89:18–29; antiphon: v. 20

- ¹⁸For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.
- ¹⁹Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
“I have granted help to one who is | mighty;*
I have exalted one chosen from the | people.
- ²⁰I have found David, my | servant,*
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him,
- ²¹so that my hand shall be estab- | lished with him;*
my arm also shall | strengthen him.
- ²²The enemy shall not out- | wit him;*
the wicked shall not | humble him.
- ²³I will crush his foes be- | fore him*
and strike down those who | hate him.
- ²⁴My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall | be with him,*
and in my name shall his horn be ex- | alted.
- ²⁵I will set his hand | on the sea*
and his right hand on the | rivers.
- ²⁶He shall cry to me, ‘You are my | Father,*
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.’
- ²⁷And I will make him the | firstborn,*
the highest of the kings | of the earth.
- ²⁸My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,*
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
- ²⁹I will establish his offspring for- | ever*
and his throne as the days of the | heavens.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:3–7

- ³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Gradual

Psalm 77:14–15

You are the God who works | wonders;*
you have made known your might among the | peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your | people,*
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

The Way of Love

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a

mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Tract

Psalm 100:1–3

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:31–43

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

³¹Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴²And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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