

Introit

Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5

Behold, God is my | helper;*
 the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
 He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
 in your faithfulness put an | end to them.
 O God, save me, | by your name,*
 and vindicate me | by your might.
 O God, | hear my prayer;*
 give ear to the words | of my mouth.
 For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*
 they do not set God be- | fore themselves.
 For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
 and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**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.**

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Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 22:26–34

²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
 with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
 and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

- ²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
- ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
- ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- ³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?”
- ³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
- ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

Psalm

Psalm 51:1–12; antiphon: v. 18



Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your | steadfast love,*
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.
- ²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
- ³For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.
- ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 112:1

Alleluia. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–9

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

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