

Introit

Psalm 55:1, 4–5, 16; antiphon: vv. 16a, 17b, 18a, 22a



I call to God, and he | hears my voice,*
he redeems my soul in | safety.
Cast your burden | on the LORD,*
and he will sus- | tain you.
Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!
My heart is in anguish with- | in me;*
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.
Fear and trembling come up- | on me,*
and horror over- | whelms me.
But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.
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

Jeremiah 7:1–11

Evil in the Land

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

⁵“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods

¹¹My eyes have seen the downfall of my | enemies;*
my ears have heard the doom of my evil as- | sailants.

¹²The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

¹³They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

¹⁴They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,

¹⁵to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

Epistle

Romans 9:30—10:4

Israel's Unbelief

³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Verse of the Day

Psalms 88:1

Alleluia. O LORD, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:41–48

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

⁴⁵And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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