

## Psalm

*Psalm 32; antiphon: v. 7*



### **Blessed Are the Forgiven**

- <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.
- <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- <sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.
- <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1–21*

In those days: The serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the Lord God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,  
You are cursed more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And you shall eat dust  
All the days of your life.  
And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,



## Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1–10

Brethren: We plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says:  
“In an acceptable time I have heard you,  
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”  
Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.  
We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16

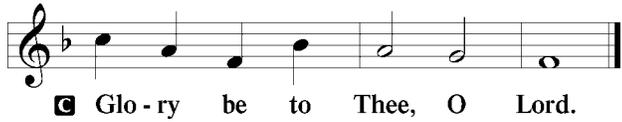


He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
He shall cover you with His feathers,  
And under His wings you shall take refuge.  
He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
I *will be* with him in trouble.  
With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

But He answered and said, “**It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’**”

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’  
and,

‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “**It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’**”

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “**Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’**”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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