

Morning Worship

Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to
joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he
was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way
of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord?

Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your
face from me?

**How long must I bear pain
in my soul**

**and have sorrow in my heart all
day long?**

**How long shall my enemy be
exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me,
O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes,

or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say,

“I have prevailed”;

**my foes will rejoice because
I am shaken.**

But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your
salvation.

**I will sing to the Lord
because he has dealt
bountifully with me.**

**Glory to the Father and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen**

Evensong

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Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above
the heavens!**
Let them praise the name of
the Lord,
for he commanded and they
were created.
**He established them for ever
and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which
cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
**fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his
command!**
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
**Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
**He has raised up a horn for
his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are
close to him.**

Praise the Lord!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
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Evensong

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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