

# **Psalm for Evening Prayer**

## **May 5 to May 7**

*Note that we will not be having Evening Prayer on Monday, May 3 or Tuesday, May 4 due to Clergy Conference*

### **Wednesday, May 5**

#### **119**

*Yodh Manus tuæ fecerunt me*

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; \*  
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, \*  
because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right \*  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, \*  
as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, \*  
for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; \*  
but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, \*  
and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, \*  
that I may not be put to shame.

**Kaph** *Defecit in salutare*

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; \*  
I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? \*  
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; \*  
they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; \*  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, \*  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

**Lamedh** *In Æternum, Domine*

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

## Thursday, May 6

### **74** *Ut quid, Deus?*

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*  
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*  
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,  
and Mount Zion where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*  
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*  
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*  
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; \*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name  
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  
They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see;  
there is no prophet left; \*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? \*  
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  
victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might \*  
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; \*  
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*  
you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  
you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, \*  
how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  
never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; \*  
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  
let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

## Friday, May 7

### 106

#### Part II *Et fecerunt vitulum*

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land \*  
and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents \*  
and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, \*  
to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit \*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples \*  
as the Lord had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen \*  
and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against his people \*  
and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, \*  
and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, \*  
and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them,  
but they rebelled through their own devices, \*  
and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, \*  
when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them \*  
and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied \*  
by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the nations, \*  
that we may give thanks to your holy Name  
and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting and to everlasting; \*  
and let all the people say, "Amen!"  
Hallelujah!