

# Psalms for Evening Prayer

## May 18 to May 22

**Monday, May 18**

**89**

**Part II** *Tunc locutus es*

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven."

30 "If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
'I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky."

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; \*  
you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, \*  
defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls \*  
and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; \*  
he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes \*  
and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword \*  
and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor \*  
and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth \*  
and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O Lord?  
will you hide yourself for ever? \*  
how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, Lord, how short life is, \*  
how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? \*  
who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, \*  
which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, \*  
how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O Lord, \*  
which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore! \*  
Amen, I say, Amen.

## Tuesday, May 19

### 94 *Deus ultionum*

1 O Lord God of vengeance, \*  
O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; \*  
give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O Lord, \*  
how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; \*  
all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O Lord, \*  
and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger \*  
and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, \*  
the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; \*  
when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? \*  
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The Lord knows our human thoughts; \*  
how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! \*  
whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, \*  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not abandon his people, \*  
nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, \*  
and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? \*  
who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the Lord had not come to my help, \*  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," \*  
your love, O Lord, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, \*  
your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, \*  
one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just \*  
and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the Lord has become my stronghold, \*  
and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice; \*  
the Lord our God will destroy them.

## **95** *Venite, exultemus*

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## Wednesday, May 20

### 119

#### *Ayin Feci iudicium*

121 I have done what is just and right; \*  
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; \*  
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  
and for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  
and teach me your statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  
that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O Lord, \*  
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

#### *Pe Mirabilia*

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

**Sadhe** *Justus es, Domine*

137 You are righteous, O Lord, \*  
and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees \*  
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, \*  
because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  
and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, \*  
yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \*  
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
yet your commandments are my delight.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
grant me understanding, that I may live.

## Thursday, May 21

### 105

#### Part II *Et intravit Israel*

23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, \*  
and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; \*  
but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood \*  
and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, \*  
in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects \*  
and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, \*  
and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees \*  
and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, \*  
and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land \*  
and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, \*  
the firstfruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

## Friday, May 22

### 107

#### Part I *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, \*  
bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God \*  
and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; \*  
they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom \*  
and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze \*  
and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the Lord \*  
and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.