

Psalm and Readings Thursday 5th March 2026

Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or
ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- 6 In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- 7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our
secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- 11 Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due
to you.
- 12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
- 13 Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast
love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.
- 15 Make us glad for as many days as you have
afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- 16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- 17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon
us, and prosper for us the work of our
hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

Genesis 45:1–15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hebrews 3:1–6

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also 'was faithful in all God's house.' Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of
your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the
fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the
same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.