

Psalm and Readings Wednesday 4th August 2021

Psalm 119: 57-80

The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
I implore your favour with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
When I think of your ways,
I turn my feet to your decrees;
I hurry and do not delay
to keep your commandments.
Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous ordinances.
I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes.

You have dealt well with your servant,
O Lord, according to your word.
Teach me good judgement and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.
Before I was humbled I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.
The arrogant smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.
Their hearts are fat and gross,
but I delight in your law.
It is good for me that I was humbled,
so that I might learn your statutes.
The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your
commandments.
Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.
I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right,
and that in faithfulness you have humbled me.
Let your steadfast love become my comfort
according to your promise to your servant.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.
Let the arrogant be put to shame,
because they have subverted me with guile;
as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
Let those who fear you turn to me,
so that they may know your decrees.
May my heart be blameless in your statutes,
so that I may not be put to shame.

Ezekial 39: 21-end

I will display my glory among the nations; and all
the nations shall see my judgement that I have
executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.
The house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord
their God, from that day forward. And the nations
shall know that the house of Israel went into
captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt
treacherously with me. So I hid my face from
them and gave them into the hand of their
adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt
with them according to their uncleanness and
their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God: Now I will
restore the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on
the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for
my holy name. They shall forget[a] their shame,
and all the treachery they have practised against
me, when they live securely in their land with no
one to make them afraid, when I have brought
them back from the peoples and gathered them
from their enemies' lands, and through them
have displayed my holiness in the sight of many
nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord
their God because I sent them into exile among
the nations, and then gathered them into their
own land. I will leave none of them behind; and I
will never again hide my face from them, when I
pour out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says
the Lord God.

Mark 1: 21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.