

## Psalm and Readings Tuesday 29th July 2025

### Psalm 132

O Lord, remember in David's favour  
all the hardships he endured;  
how he swore to the Lord  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
'I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;  
I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

We heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
'Let us go to his dwelling-place;  
let us worship at his footstool.'

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your might.  
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your faithful shout for joy.  
For your servant David's sake  
do not turn away the face of your anointed  
one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:  
'One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.  
If your sons keep my covenant  
and my decrees that I shall teach them,  
their sons also, for evermore,  
shall sit on your throne.'

For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his habitation:  
'This is my resting-place for ever;  
here I will reside, for I have desired it.  
I will abundantly bless its provisions;  
I will satisfy its poor with bread.  
Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and its faithful will shout for joy.  
There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.  
His enemies I will clothe with disgrace,  
but on him, his crown will gleam.'

### Ezekiel 11:14-end

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'They have gone far from the Lord; to us this land is given for a possession.' Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone. Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord God.

Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. And the glory of the Lord ascended from the middle of the city, and stopped on the mountain east of the city. The spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen left me. And I told the exiles all the things that the Lord had shown me.

### 2 Corinthians 7:2-end

Make room in your hearts for us; we have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. I often boast about you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with consolation; I am overjoyed in all our affliction.

For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way—disputes without and fears within. But God, who consoles the downcast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter. So although I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did the wrong, nor on account of the one who was wronged, but in order that your zeal for us might be made known to you before God. In this we find comfort.

In addition to our own consolation, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his mind has been set at rest by all of you. For if I have been somewhat boastful about you to him, I was not disgraced; but just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting to Titus has proved true as well. And his heart goes out all the more to you, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, and how you welcomed him with fear and trembling. I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

### **The Collect of the Day**

God our Father,  
whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends,  
Mary, Martha and Lazarus,  
in learning, argument and hospitality:  
may we so rejoice in your love  
that the world may come to know  
the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your  
compassion,  
and your power to bring life out of death;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
our friend and brother,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.