

## Psalm and Readings Wednesday 17th December 2025

### Psalm 75

- 1 We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.  
People tell of your wondrous deeds.
- 2 At the set time that I appoint  
I will judge with equity.
- 3 When the earth totters, with all its  
inhabitants,  
it is I who keep its pillars steady.
- 4 I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast',  
and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn';
- 5 Do not lift up your horn on high,  
or speak with insolent neck.'
- 6 For not from the east or from the west  
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;
- 7 But it is God who executes judgement,  
putting down one and lifting up another.
- 8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup  
with foaming wine, well mixed;  
he will pour a draught from it,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drain it down to the dregs.
- 9 But I will rejoice for ever;  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10 All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,  
but the horns of the righteous shall be  
exalted.

### Isaiah 39

At that time King Merodach-baladan son of Baladan of Babylon sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. Hezekiah welcomed them; he showed them his treasure-house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armoury, all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.

Then the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah and said to him, 'What did these men say? From where did they come to you?' Hezekiah answered, 'They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon.' He said, 'What have they seen in your house?' Hezekiah answered, 'They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them.'

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, 'Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: Days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your ancestors have stored up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the Lord. Some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away; they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.' Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, 'The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good.' For he thought, 'There will be peace and security in my days.'

### Matthew 17:14-21

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.' And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out?' He said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.'

## **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your  
mysteries may likewise so prepare and make  
ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the  
wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your  
sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.