

Monday 6th June

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

² **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.**

⁵ Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

Luke 9:18-27

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

¹⁹ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

²⁰ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

²⁷ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

Tuesday 7th June

Psalm 132

LORD, remember David and all his self-denial.

² **He swore an oath to the LORD, he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**

³ “I will not enter my house or go to my bed,

⁴ **I will allow no sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,**

⁵ till I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

⁶ **We heard it in Ephrathah,**

we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:

⁷ “Let us go to his dwelling place, let us worship at his footstool, saying,

⁸ **‘Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place,**

you and the ark of your might.

⁹ May your priests be clothed with your righteousness;

may your faithful people sing for joy.”

¹⁰ **For the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one.**

¹¹ The LORD swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke:

“One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.

¹² **If your sons keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them,**

then their sons will sit on your throne for ever and ever.”

¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

¹⁴ **“This is my resting place for ever and ever;**

here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food.

¹⁶ **I will clothe her priests with salvation,**

and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.

¹⁷ “Here I will make a horn grow for David

and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

¹⁸ **I will clothe his enemies with shame,**

but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown.”

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

³¹ They spoke about his departure,^[a] which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to

be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Wednesday 8th June

Psalm 119;153-end

Look on my suffering and deliver me, for I have not forgotten your law.

¹⁵⁴ **Defend my cause and redeem me;**

preserve my life according to your promise.

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek out your decrees.

¹⁵⁶ **Your compassion, LORD, is great; preserve my life according to your laws.**

¹⁵⁷ Many are the foes who persecute me,

but I have not turned from your statutes.

¹⁵⁸ **I look on the faithless with loathing, for they do not obey your word.**

¹⁵⁹ See how I love your precepts;

preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with your love.

¹⁶⁰ **All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.**

¹⁶¹ Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart trembles at your word.

¹⁶² **I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.**

¹⁶³ I hate and detest falsehood but I love your law.

¹⁶⁴ **Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.**

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law,

and nothing can make them stumble.

¹⁶⁶ **I wait for your salvation, LORD, and I follow your commands.**

¹⁶⁷ I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly.

¹⁶⁸ **I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you.**

¹⁶⁹ May my cry come before you, LORD;

give me understanding according to your word.

¹⁷⁰ **May my supplication come before you;**

deliver me according to your promise.

¹⁷¹ May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

¹⁷² **May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.**

¹⁷³ May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴ **I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.**

¹⁷⁵ Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

¹⁷⁶ **I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant,
for I have not forgotten your commands.**

Luke 9;37-50

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

⁴¹ “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

While everyone was marvelling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples,

⁴⁴ “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” ⁴⁵ But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

⁴⁶ An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. ⁴⁷ Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.”

⁴⁹ “Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.”

⁵⁰ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”

Thursday 9th June

Psalm 143

LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

² **Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

³ The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in the darknesslike those long dead.

⁴ **So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.**

⁵ I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done.

⁶ I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land.

⁷ Answer me quickly, LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me
or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

**⁸ Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my
trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.**

⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in you.

**¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.**

¹¹ For your name's sake, LORD, preserve my life;
in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

**¹² In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes,
for I am your servant.**

Luke 9[51-end]

Samaritan Opposition

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set
out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a
Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not
welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples
James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down
from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he
and his disciples went to another village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you
wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has
no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim
the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say
goodbye to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for
service in the kingdom of God."

Friday 10th June

Psalm 144

¹ Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war,
my fingers for battle.

**² He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.**

³ LORD, what are human beings that you care for them,
mere mortals that you think of them?

⁴ They are like a breath; their days are like a fleeting shadow.

⁵ Part your heavens, LORD, and come down;
touch the mountains, so that they smoke.

**⁶ Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy;
shoot your arrows and rout them.**

⁷ Reach down your hand from on high; deliver me and rescue me
from the mighty waters, from the hands of foreigners

⁸ whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.

⁹ I will sing a new song to you, my God;
on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you,

**¹⁰ to the One who gives victory to kings, who delivers his servant David.
From the deadly sword**

¹¹ deliver me; rescue me from the hands of foreigners
whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.

**¹² Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants,
and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.**

¹³ Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision.

Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields;

**¹⁴ our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls,
no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets.**

¹⁵ Blessed is the people of whom this is true;
blessed is the people whose God is the LORD.

Luke 10;1-16

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two
ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them,
"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out
like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not
greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. ⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. ¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

Saturday 11th June

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures for ever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Luke 10;17-24

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from

the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²² “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

²³ Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”