

Monday 13th June

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in
season and whose leaf does not wither –whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Luke 10;25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he
asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your
neighbour as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my
neighbour?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when
he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went
away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same
road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a
Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw
him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring
on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn
and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to
the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse
you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into
the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Tuesday 14th June

Psalm 5

Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.

² Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

³ In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests
before you and wait expectantly.

**⁴ For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness;
with you, evil people are not welcome.**

⁵ The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong;

**⁶ you destroy those who tell lies. The bloodthirsty and deceitful
you, LORD, detest.**

⁷ But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down
towards your holy temple.

**⁸ Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies –
make your way straight before me.**

⁹ Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with malice.
Their throat is an open grave; with their tongues they tell lies.

¹⁰ Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,

that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

**¹² Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous;
you surround them with your favour as with a shield.**

Luke 10;38-end

At the Home of Martha and Mary

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a
woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary,
who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted
by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord,
don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to
help me!”

⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many
things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what
is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Wednesday 15th June

Psalm 119;1-32

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

**2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart –**

³ they do no wrong but follow his ways.

4 You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

6 Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

8 I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

12 Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.

¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

¹⁷ Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word.

18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

20 My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed,
those who stray from your commands.

22 Remove from me scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.

²³ Though rulers sit together and slander me,
your servant will meditate on your decrees.

24 Your statutes are my delight; they are my counsellors.

²⁵ I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word.

**26 I gave an account of my ways and you answered me;
teach me your decrees.**

²⁷ Cause me to understand the way of your precepts,
that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

28 My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

²⁹ Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.

³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.

³¹ I hold fast to your statutes, LORD; do not let me be put to shame.

**³² I run in the path of your commands,
for you have broadened my understanding.**

Luke 11;1-13

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Thursday 16th June

Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

**² The one whose way of life is blameless, who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;**

³ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbour,
and casts no slur on others;

**⁴ who despises a vile person but honours those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;**

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe
against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Luke 11;14-28

Jesus and Beelzebul

¹⁴ Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” ¹⁶ Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹ “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

²³ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’

²⁵ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”

²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

Friday 17th June

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Luke 11;29=36

The Sign of Jonah

²⁹ As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom; and now something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.

The Lamp of the Body

³³ “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.

³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

Saturday 18th June

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Luke 11;37-end

Woes on the Pharisees and the experts in the law

³⁷ When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, 'Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But now as for what is inside you – be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

⁴² 'Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practised the latter without leaving the former undone.

⁴³ 'Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the market-places.

⁴⁴ 'Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.'

⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, 'Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.'

⁴⁶ Jesus replied, 'And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

⁴⁷ 'Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute." ⁵⁰ Therefore this generation

will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

⁵² 'Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.'

⁵³ When Jesus went outside, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, ⁵⁴ waiting to catch him in something he might say.