

Monday 5th April

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant
forever— holy and awesome is his name.

**¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

Mark 16; 1-8

Jesus Has Risen

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Tuesday 6th April

Psalm 112

Praise the LORD Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in his commands.

**² Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**⁶ Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.**

⁷ They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**⁸ Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honour.

**¹⁰ The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

Luke 24; 1-12

Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Wednesday 7th April

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants;
praise the name of the LORD.

**² Let the name of the LORD be praised,
both now and forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

**⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,

**⁶ who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

**⁸ he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

Matthew 28; 16-end

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Thursday 8th April

Psalm 114

When Israel came out of Egypt,
Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

² Judah became God’s sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

³ The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back;

⁴ the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.

⁵ Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back?

**⁶ Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
you hills, like lambs?**

⁷ Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**⁸ who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.**

Luke 7; 11-17

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Friday 9th April

Psalm 115

¹ Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

² **Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”**

³ Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

⁴ **But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands.**

⁵ They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.

⁶ **They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell.**

⁷ They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk,
nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

⁸ **Those who make them will be like them,
and so will all who trust in them.**

⁹ All you Israelites, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

¹⁰ **House of Aaron, trust in the LORD— he is their help and shield.**

¹¹ You who fear him, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

¹² **The LORD remembers us and will bless us: He will bless his people Israel,
he will bless the house of Aaron,**

¹³ he will bless those who fear the LORD—small and great alike.

¹⁴ **May the LORD cause you to flourish, both you and your children.**

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

¹⁶ **The highest heavens belong to the LORD,
but the earth he has given to mankind.**

¹⁷ It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
those who go down to the place of silence;

¹⁸ **it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.**

Praise the LORD.

LUKE 8 41-END

⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years,^[c] but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ “Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.”⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

