

Welcome

Music

Grace Guse

Prayer



Psalm for the Day

Psalm 18:1-19

1 I love you, LORD, my strength.

2 **The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

3 I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

4 **The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.**

5 The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

6 **In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.**

7 The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry.

8 **Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.**

9 He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.

10 **He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind.**

11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him— the dark rain clouds of the sky.

12 Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning.

13 The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.

14 He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them.

15 The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

16 He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

17 He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

18 They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.

19 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:1,6-8

1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant--

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Reflection on the Reading

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him

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where his people live and care.
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praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
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sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language-
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

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