

**EVENING PRAYER**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2022 – DECEMBER 8, 2022**

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

**Psalm 9**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*

I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; \*

I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, \*

they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause;\*

you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; \*

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, \*

their cities ploughed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the Lord is enthroned for ever; \*

he has set up his throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; \*

he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*

a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*

for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; \*

proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*

he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; \*

see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises

and rejoice in your salvation \*

in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*

and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; \*

the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*

and also all the people that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the

upper hand; \*

let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; \*

let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

**Psalm 15**

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is

right, \*

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; \*

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## Isaiah 5:8-12,18-23

Ah, you who join house to house,  
who add field to field,  
until there is room for no one but you,  
and you are left to live alone  
in the midst of the land!

The Lord of hosts has sworn in my hearing:  
Surely many houses shall be desolate,  
large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant.  
For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath,  
and a homer of seed shall yield a mere ephah.

Ah, you who rise early in the morning  
in pursuit of strong drink,  
who linger in the evening  
to be inflamed by wine,  
whose feasts consist of lyre and harp,  
tambourine and flute and wine,  
but who do not regard the deeds of the Lord,  
or see the work of his hands!

Ah, you who drag iniquity along with cords of  
falsehood,

who drag sin along as with cart-ropes,  
who say, 'Let him make haste,  
let him speed his work  
that we may see it;  
let the plan of the Holy One of Israel hasten to  
fulfilment,

that we may know it!'  
Ah, you who call evil good  
and good evil,

who put darkness for light  
and light for darkness,  
who put bitter for sweet  
and sweet for bitter!

Ah, you who are wise in your own eyes,  
and shrewd in your own sight!

Ah, you who are heroes in drinking wine  
and valiant at mixing drink,  
who acquit the guilty for a bribe,  
and deprive the innocent of their rights!

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers  
and sisters, you do not need to have anything  
written to you. For you yourselves know very well  
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the  
night. When they say, 'There is peace and security',  
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as  
labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and  
there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in  
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;  
for you are all children of light and children of the  
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then,  
let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep  
awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at  
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.  
But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and  
put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a  
helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined  
us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that  
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with  
him. Therefore encourage one another and build up  
each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Luke 21:20-28

'When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies,  
then know that its desolation has come near. Then  
those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those  
inside the city must leave it, and those out in the  
country must not enter it; for these are days of  
vengeance, as a fulfilment of all that is written. Woe  
to those who are pregnant and to those who are  
nursing infants in those days! For there will be great  
distress on the earth and wrath against this people;  
they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken  
away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem  
will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times  
of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the  
stars, and on the earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.  
People will faint from fear and foreboding of what  
is coming upon the world, for the powers of the  
heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son  
of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great  
glory. Now when these things begin to take place,

stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

## Psalm 36

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; \*  
there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes \*  
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; \*  
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  
and has set himself in no good way; \*  
he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the  
shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who  
know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work  
wickedness! \*  
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

## Psalm 39

1 I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, \*  
so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth \*  
while the wicked are in my presence."

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; \*  
I refrained from rash words;  
but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me;  
while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; \*  
I spoke out with my tongue:

5 Lord, let me know my end and the number of my  
days, \*  
so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; \*  
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of  
wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow,  
and in vain we are in turmoil; \*  
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather  
them.

8 And now, what is my hope? \*  
O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions \*  
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, \*  
for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; \*  
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;  
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; \*  
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and give ear to my cry; \*  
hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, \*  
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad  
again, \*  
before I go my way and am no more.

## Isaiah 5:13-17,24-25

Therefore my people go into exile without  
knowledge;  
their nobles are dying of hunger,  
and their multitude is parched with thirst.

Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite  
and opened its mouth beyond measure;  
the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude go  
down,  
her throng and all who exult in her.  
People are bowed down, everyone is brought low,  
and the eyes of the haughty are humbled.  
But the Lord of hosts is exalted by justice,  
and the Holy God shows himself holy by  
righteousness.  
Then the lambs shall graze as in their pasture,  
fatlings and kids shall feed among the ruins.

Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble,  
and as dry grass sinks down in the flame,  
so their root will become rotten,  
and their blossom go up like dust;  
for they have rejected the instruction of the Lord  
of hosts,  
and have despised the word of the Holy One of  
Israel.

Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against  
his people,  
and he stretched out his hand against them and  
struck them;  
the mountains quaked,  
and their corpses were like refuse  
in the streets.  
For all this his anger has not turned away,  
and his hand is stretched out still.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to  
respect those who labour among you, and have  
charge of you in the Lord and admonish you;  
esteem them very highly in love because of their  
work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge  
you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the  
faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of  
them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but  
always seek to do good to one another and to all.  
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks  
in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do  
not despise the words of prophets, but test  
everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from  
every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely;  
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept  
sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and  
he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I  
solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter  
be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## Luke 21:29-38

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree  
and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you  
can see for yourselves and know that summer is  
already near. So also, when you see these things  
taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is  
near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass  
away until all things have taken place. Heaven and  
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass  
away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed  
down with dissipation and drunkenness and the  
worries of this life, and that day does not catch you  
unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all  
who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at

all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

## Psalm 119:25-48

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  
give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; \*  
let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments,\*  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;\*  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me,\*  
because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings \*  
and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, \*  
which I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

## Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ And he said, ‘Go and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.”

Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.’

Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said: ‘Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;  
until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remains in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled.’

The holy seed is its stump.

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marvelled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## John 7:53-8:11

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all

of them, they said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?’ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, sir.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.’]]

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

## Psalm 37: 19-42

19 The Lord cares for the lives of the godly, \*  
and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, \*  
and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, \*  
and the enemies of the Lord, like the glory of  
the meadows, shall vanish;  
they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, \*  
but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the  
land, \*  
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the Lord; \*  
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, \*  
for the Lord holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, \*  
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,  
or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their  
lending, \*  
and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, \*  
and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the Lord loves justice; \*  
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, \*  
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land \*  
and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, \*  
and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, \*  
and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous \*  
and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The Lord will not abandon them to their hand, \*  
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; \*  
he will raise you up to possess the land,  
and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, \*  
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; \*  
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest;  
observe the upright; \*  
for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; \*  
the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from  
the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver  
them, because they seek refuge in him.

## Isaiah 7:1-9

In the days of Ahaz son of Jotham son of Uzziah,  
king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah  
son of Remaliah of Israel went up to attack  
Jerusalem, but could not mount an attack against it.  
When the house of David heard that Aram had  
allied itself with Ephraim, the heart of Ahaz and the  
heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest  
shake before the wind.

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, Go out to meet Ahaz,  
you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the  
conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the  
Fuller's Field, and say to him, Take heed, be quiet,  
do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint  
because of these two smouldering stumps of  
firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and  
Aram and the son of Remaliah. Because Aram—  
with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah—has plotted  
evil against you, saying, Let us go up against Judah  
and cut off Jerusalem and conquer it for ourselves  
and make the son of Tabeel king in it; therefore thus  
says the Lord God:

It shall not stand,  
and it shall not come to pass.  
For the head of Aram is Damascus,  
and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

(Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered,  
no longer a people.)

The head of Ephraim is Samaria,  
and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.  
If you do not stand firm in faith,  
you shall not stand at all.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our  
being gathered together to him, we beg you,  
brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in  
mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by  
letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day

of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you  
in any way; for that day will not come unless the  
rebellion comes first and the lawless one is  
revealed, the one destined for destruction. He  
opposes and exalts himself above every so-called  
god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in  
the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do  
you not remember that I told you these things when  
I was still with you? And you know what is now  
restraining him, so that he may be revealed when  
his time comes. For the mystery of lawlessness is  
already at work, but only until the one who now  
restrains it is removed. And then the lawless one  
will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy  
with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by  
the manifestation of his coming. The coming of the  
lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan,  
who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, and every  
kind of wicked deception for those who are  
perishing, because they refused to love the truth and  
so be saved. For this reason God sends them a  
powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is  
false, so that all who have not believed the truth but  
took pleasure in unrighteousness will be  
condemned.

## Luke 22:1-13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is  
called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and  
the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to  
death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who  
was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred  
with the chief priests and officers of the temple  
police about how he might betray him to them.  
They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him  
money. So he consented and began to look for an  
opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd  
was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which  
the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus  
sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the  
Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They  
asked him, 'Where do you want us to make  
preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when  
you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of

water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.’ So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.