

# **Psalms for Evening Prayer**

## **March 21 to March 25**

### **Monday, March 24 – Eve of the Annunciation**

**8** *Domine, Dominus noster*

1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## **138** *Confitebor tibi*

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **Tuesday, March 25 – The Annunciation**

### **110** *Dixit Dominus*

1 The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool."

2 The Lord will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning."

4 The Lord has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

5 The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \*  
he will rule over the nations.

(6 He will heap high the corpses; \*  
he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; \*  
therefore he will lift high his head.)

## **132** *Memento, Domine*

1 Lord, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  
nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the Lord, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the Lord has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine."

## Wednesday, March 26

### **81** *Exultate Deo*

1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, \*  
the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, \*  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, \*  
a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, \*  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, \*  
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;  
his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; \*  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: \*  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; \*  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

## **82** *Deus stetit*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

## Thursday, March 27

### 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **86** *Inclina, Domine*

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.



10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.  
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

## **Friday, March 28**

### **91** *Qui habitat*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

## **92** *Bonum est confiteri*

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

5 Lord, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know,  
nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  
but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O Lord,  
lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.