

Readings for 26th April 2020 – Easter 3

Psalm 3

¹ Lord, how numerous are my enemies:
many they are that rise against me.

² **Many there are that talk of me and say:
'Here is one who has no help in God.'**

³ But you, Lord, are about me as a shield:
you are my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

⁴ **I cry to the Lord with a loud voice:
and he answers me from his holy hill.**

⁵ I lay myself down and sleep:
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

⁶ **Therefore I will not be afraid
of the multitudes of the nations:
who have set themselves against me on every side.**

⁷ Arise, Lord, and deliver me, O my God:
for you will strike all my enemies upon the cheek,
you will break the teeth of the ungodly.

⁸ **Deliverance belongs to the Lord:
O let your blessing be upon your people.**

Isaiah 42.6-16

⁶ I am the Lord , I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord , that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.

¹¹ Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the tops of the mountains.

¹² Let them give glory to the Lord ,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

¹³ The Lord goes forth like a soldier,
like a warrior he stirs up his fury;
he cries out, he shouts aloud,
he shows himself mighty against his foes.

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace,
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labour,
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their herbage;

I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ I will lead the blind
by a road they do not know,
by paths they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I will do,
and I will not forsake them.

Luke 24.13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem,

¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷And he said to them,

‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’

They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem

who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’

¹⁹He asked them, ‘What things?’

They replied,

‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,

²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death
and crucified him.

²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed
seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said;
but they did not see him.’

²⁵Then he said to them,

‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’

²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,

he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying,

‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’

So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other,

‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;

and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

³⁴They were saying,

‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’

³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road,

and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.