

Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

² **His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.

⁴ **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.**

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.

⁶ **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

⁷ With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

⁸ **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

¹⁰ **For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from Jeremiah chapter 23 beginning at verse 1. (23.1-8)

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

² Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people:
It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.
So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer,
or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

⁷ Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when it shall no longer be said,
'As the LORD lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt',

⁸ but 'As the LORD lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel
out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them.'

Then they shall live in their own land.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Book of Revelation chapter 7 beginning at verse 9. (7.9-17)

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’

¹⁴ I said to him,

‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’

Then he said to me,

‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;

they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (10.11-15,22-30)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep,

sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—

and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep.’

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him,

‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’

²⁵Jesus answered,

‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;

²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else,

and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

³⁰The Father and I are one.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. // Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.