

Sonnet 70A: Fresh spring

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Annunciation

Epistle: Isa 7.10-15

Gospel: Luk 1.26-38

Morning Prayer: Psa 9-11; Ecc 2; Luk 24.1-12

Evening Prayer: Psa 12-14; Ecc 3; 1Co 15

Epistle: Isaiah 7.10-15

10 ¶ And the Lord spake againe vnto Ahaz, saying,

11 Aske a signe for thee of the Lorde thy God: aske it, *ether* in the depth beneath or in the height aboue.

12 But Ahaz sayd, I wil not aske, nether wil I tempt the Lord.

13 Then he sayd, Heare you now, ô house of Daud, Is it a smale thing for you to grieue men, that ye wil also grieue my God?

14 Therefore the Lord him self will giue you a signe. Beholde, the virgine shal conceiue and beare a sonne, and she shal call his name Immanu-el.

15 Butter and honie shal he eate, til he haue knowledge to refuse the euil, & to chuse the good.

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

26 ¶ And in the sixt moneth, the Angell Gabriel was sent from God vnto a citie of Galile, named Nazaret,

27 To a virgine affianced to a man whose name *was* Ioseph, of the house of Daud, & the virgins name *was* Marie.

28 And the Angel went in vnto her, & said, Haile thou *that art* freely beloued: the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

29 And when she sawe *him*, she was troubled at his saying, & thought what maner of salutacion that shulde be.

30 Then the Angel said vnto her, Feare not, Marie: for thou hast founde fauour with God.

31 For lo, thou shalt conceiue in thy wombe, and beare a sonne, and shalt call his name I E S V S.

32 He shalbe great, & shalbe called the Sonne of the moste High, and the Lord God shall giue vnto him the throne of his father Daid.

33 And he shall reigne ouer the house of Iacob for euer, & of his kingdome shalbe none end.

34 Then said Marie vnto the Angel, How shal this be, seing, I know no man?

35 And the Angel answered, and said vnto her, The holie Gost shal come vpon thee, & the power of the most High shal ouershadowe thee: therefore also that holie thing which shalbe borne of thee, shalbe called the Sonne of God.

36 And beholde, thy cousin Elisabet, she hathe also conceiued a sonne in her olde age: and this is her sixt moneth, which was called barren.

37 For with God shal nothing be vnpossible.

38 Then Marie said, Beholde, the seruant of the Lord: be it vnto me according to thy worde. So the Angel departed from her.

Morning Prayer: Psalms 9-11

P S A L. I X.

To him that excelleth vpon Muth Labben.

A Psalme of Daid.

I Wil praise the Lord with my whole heart: I wil speake of all thy maruerlous workes.

2 I wil be glad, and reioyce in thee: I wil sing praise to thy Name,
ô most high,

3 For that mine enemies are turned backe: they shal fall, and
perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast mainteined my right & my cause: thou art set in
the throne, *and* iudgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen: thou hast destroyed the wicked:
thou hast put out their name for euer and euer.

6 O enemie, destructions are come to a perpetual end, and thou
hast destroyed the cities: their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shal sit for euer: he hath prepared his throne for
iudgement.

8 For he shal iudge the worlde in righteousnes, & shal iudge the
people with equitie.

9 The Lord also wil be a refuge for the poore, a refuge in *due*
time, *euen* in affliction.

10 And thei that knowe thy Name, wil trust in thee: for thou,
Lord, hast not failed them that seke thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: shewe the
people his workes.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembreth it,
and forgetteth not the complaint of the poore.

13 Haue mercie vpon me, ô Lord: consider my trouble, *which I*
suffre of them that hate me, thou that liftest me vp from the gates
of death.

14 That I maie shewe all thy praises within the gates of the
daughter of Zion, & reioyce in thy saluacion.

15 The heathen are sunken downe in the pit, *that* thei made: in the
net that they hid, is their fote taken.

16 The Lord is knowen by executing iudgement: the wicked is
snared in the worke of his owne hands. Higgaion. Selah.

- 17 The wicked shal turne into hel, & all nations that forget God.
- 18 For the poore shal not be alwaie forgotten: the hope of the afflicted shal not perish for euer.
- 19 Vp Lord: let not man preuaile: let the heathen be iudged in thy sight.
- 20 Put them in feare, ô Lord, that the heathen maie know that they are but men. Selah.

P S A L. X.

WHy standest thou farre of, ô Lord, & hidest thee in *due* time, *euen* in affliction?

- 2 The wicked with pride doeth persecute the poore: let them be taken in the crafts that they haue imagined.
- 3 For the wicked hathe made boast of his owne hearts desire, and the couetous blesseth *him selfe*: he contemneth the Lord.
- 4 The wicked is so proude that he seketh not *for God*: he thinketh alwaies, There is no God.
- 5 His waies alwaie prosper: thy Iudgements are hie aboue his sight: therefore defieth he all his enemies.
- 6 He saith in his heart, I shal neuer be moued, nor be in danger.
- 7 His mouth is full of cursing and disceite and fraude: vnder his tongue is mischief and iniquitie.
- 8 He lieth in wait in the villages: in the secret places doeth he murder the innocent: his eies are bent against the poore.
- 9 He lieth in wait secretly, *euen* as a lyon in his denne: he lieth in waite to spoile the poore: he doeth spoile the poore, when he draweth him into his net.
- 10 He crowcheth & boweth: therefore heapes of the poore do fall by his might.
- 11 He hathe said in his heart, God hathe forgotten, he hideth awaie his face, & wil neuer se.

- 12 Arise, ô Lord God: lift vp thine hand: forget not the poore.
- 13 Wherefore doeth the wicked contemne God? he saieth in his heart, Thou wilt not regarde.
- 14 *Yet* thou hast sene it: for thou beholdest mischief and wrong, that thou maiest take it into thine hands: the poore committeth him selfe vnto thee: *for* thou art the helper of the fatherles.
- 15 Breake thou the arme of the wicked and malicious: searche his wickednes, & thou shalt finde none.
- 16 The Lord *is* King for euer and euer: the heathen are destroyed forthe of his land.
- 17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poore: thou preparst their heart: thou bendest thine eare *to them*,
- 18 To iudge the fatherles and poore, that earthlie man cause to feare no more.

P S A L. X I.

¶*To him that excelleth. A Psal. of Dauid.*

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soule, Flee to your mountaine *as* a birde?

- 2 For lo, the wicked bend their bowe, *and* make readie their arrowes vpon the string, that thei may secretly shoote at them, which are vpright in heart.
- 3 For the fundacions are cast downe: what hathe the righteous done?
- 4 The Lord *is* in his holie palace: the Lords throne *is* in the heauen: his eyes wil consider: his eye lids wil trye the children of men.
- 5 The Lord wil trye the righteous: but the wicked & him that loueth iniquitie, doeth his soule hate.
- 6 Vpon the wicked he shal raine snares, fyer, and brimstone, & stormie tempest: *this is* the porcion of their cup.

7 For the righteous Lord loueth righteousnes: his countenance doeth beholde the iust.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Ecclesiastes 2

C H A P. II.

I Said in mine heart, Go to now, I wil proue thee with ioye:
therefore take thou pleasure in pleasant things: & beholde, this also is vanitie.

2 I said of laughter, Thou art mad: and of ioye, What is this that thou doest?

3 I soght in mine heart to giue my self to wine, & to lead mine heart in wisdome, and to take holde of follie, til I might se where is that goodnes of the children of men, which they enioye vnder the sunne: the *whole* number of the daies of their life.

4 I haue made my great workes: I haue buylt me houses: I haue planted me vineyards.

5 I haue made me gardens and orchardes, and planted in them trees of all frute.

6 I haue made me cisternes of water, to watter therewith the woods that growe with trees.

7 I haue gotten seruants & maids, and had children *borne* in the house: also I had great possession of beues and shepe aboute all that were before me in Ierusalem.

8 I haue gathered vnto me also siluer and golde, and the chief treasures of Kings & prouinces: I haue prouided me men singers and women singers, and the delites of the sonnes of men, *as* a woman taken captiue, and women taken captiues.

9 And I was great, & increased aboute all that were before me in Ierusalem: also my wisdome remained with me.

10 And what soeuer mine eyes desired, I withhelde it not from them: I withdrew not mine heart from anie ioye: for mine heart reioyced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my trauail.

11 Then I loked on all my workes that mine hands had wrought, and on the trauail that I had labored to do: and beholde, all *is* vanitie and vexacion of the spirit: and there *is* no profite vnder the sunne.

12 ¶ And I turned to beholde wisdom, & madnes and folie: (for who is the man that wil come after the King in things, which men nowe haue done?)

13 Then I sawe that there is profite in wisdom, more then in folie: as the light is more excellent then darkenes.

14 For the wise mans eyes *are* in his head, but the foole walketh in darkenes: yet I knowe also that the same condition falleth to them all.

15 Then I thoght in mine heart, It befalleth vnto me, as it befalleth to the foole. Why therefore doe I then labour to be more wise? And I said in mine heart, that this also is vanitie.

16 For there shalbe no remembrance of the wise, nor of the foole for euer. for that that now is, in the daies to come shal all be forgotten. And how dyeth the wise man, as doeth the foole?

17 Therefore I hated life: for the worke that is wrought vnder the sunne is grieuous vnto me: for all *is* vanitie, & vexation of the spirit.

18 I hated also all my labour, wherein I had trauailed vnder the sunne, which I shal leaue to the man that shalbe after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shalbe wise or foolish? yet shal he haue rule ouer all my labour, wherein I haue trauailed, & wherein I haue shewed my self wise vnder the sunne. This is also vanitie.

20 Therefore I went about to make mine heart abhorre all the labour, wherein I had trauailed vnder the sunne.

21 For there is a man whose trauail is in wisdom, & in knowledge and in equitie: yet to a man that hathe not trauailed herein, shal he giue his portion: this also is vanitie and a great grief.

22 For what hathe man of all his trauail and grief of his heart, wherein he hathe trauailed vnder the sunne?

23 For all his dayes are sorowes, and his trauail grief: his heart also taketh not rest in the night, which also is vanitie.

24 There *is* no profit to man: but that he eat, and drinke, and delite his soule with the profite of his labour. I sawe also this, that it was of the hand of God.

25 For who colde eat, and who colde haste to outward things more then I?

26 Surely to a man that is good in his sight, *God* giueth wisdom, and knowledge, and ioye: but to the sinner he giueth paine, to gather, and to heape to giue to him that is good before God: this is also vanitie, & vexacion of the spirit.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Luke 24.1-12

C H A P. X X I I I I.

Now the first *day* of the weke early in the morning, they came vnto the sepulchre, and broght the odores, which they had prepared, & certeine *women* with them.

2 And they founde the stone rolled away from the sepulchre,

3 And went in, but founde not the bodie of the Lord Iesus.

4 And it came to passe, that as they were amased thereat, beholde, two men suddenly stode by them in shining vestures.

5 And as they were afrayed, and bowed downe their faces to the earth, they said to them, Why seke ye him that liueth, among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake vnto you, when he was yet in Galile,

7 Saying, that the sonne of man must be deliuered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third daye rise againe.

8 And they remembred his wordes,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, & tolde all these things vnto the eleuen, and to all the remnant.

10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, & Ioanna, & Mary the *mother* of Iames, & other women with them, which tolde these things vnto the Apostles.

11 But their wordes semed vnto them, as a fained thing, nether beleued they them.

12 Then arose Peter, and ran vnto the sepulchre, and loked in, and sawe the linnen clothes laid by themselues, & departed wondering in him self at that which was come to passe.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 12-14

P S A L. XII.

¶ To him that excelleth vpon the eight tune.

A Psalme of Dauid.

HElpe Lord, for there is not a godlie man left: for the faithful are failed from among the children of men.

2 They speake deceitfully euerie one with his neighbour, flattering with their lips, *and* speake with a double heart.

3 The Lord cut off all flattering lippes, & the tongue that speaketh proude things:

4 Which haue saide, With our tongue wil we preuaile: our lippes are our owne: who is Lord ouer vs?

5 Now for the oppression of the nedie, & for the sighes of the poore, *I* wil vp, sayeth the Lord, *and* wil set at libertie him, *whome the wicked* hath snared.

6 The wordes of the Lord *are* pure wordes, *as* the siluer, tried in a fornace of earth, fined seuen folde.

7 Thou wilt kepe them, ô Lord: thou wilt preserue him from this generacion for euer.

8 The wicked walke on euerie side: when they are exalted, *it is* a shame for the sonnes of men.

PSAL. XIII.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

How long wilt thou forget me, ô Lord, for euer? how long wilt thou hyde thy face from me?

2 How long shal I take counsel within my selfe, *hauing* wearines daiely in mine heart? how long shal mineemie be exalted about me?

3 Beholde, & heare mee, ô Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I slepe not in death:

4 Lest mineemie saie, I haue preuailed against him: & they that afflict me, reioyce when I slide.

5 But I trust in thy mercie: mine heart shal reioyce in thy saluacion: I wil sing to the Lord, because he hathe delt louingly with me.

PSAL. XIII.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

The fool hathe said in his heart, *There is* no God: thei haue corrupted, and done an abominable worke: *there is* none that doeth good.

2 The Lord loked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to se if there were anie that wolde vnderstand, and seke God.

3 All are gone out of the way: they are all corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Do not all the workers of iniquitie knowe that they eat vp my people, *as* they eat bread? they call not vpon the Lord.

5 There they shal be taken with feare, because God *is* in the generacion of the iust.

6 You haue made a mocke at the counsel of the poore, because the Lord *is* his trust.

7 Oh giue salvacion vnto Israel out of Zion: when the Lord turneth the captivitie of his people, *then* Iaakob shal reioyce, and Israel shal be glad.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3

C H A P. III.

TO all things *there is* an appointed time, and a time to euerie purpose vnder the heauen.

2 A time to be borne, & a time to die: a time to plant, and a time to plucke vp that which is planted.

3 A time to slay, and a time to heale: a time to breake downe, and a time to buylde.

4 A time to weepe, and a time to laugh: a time to mourne, and a time to dance.

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones: a time to embrace, and a time to be farre from embracing.

- 6 A time to seke, and a time to lose: a time to kepe, and a time to cast away.
- 7 A time to rent, and a time to sowe: a time to kepe silence, and a time to speake.
- 8 A time to loue, and a time to hate: a time of warre, and a time of peace.
- 9 What profite *hathe* he that worketh, of the thing wherein he trauaileth?
- 10 I haue sene the trauail that God *hathe* giuen to the sonnes of men to humble them thereby.
- 11 He hath made euerie thing beautiful in his time: also he *hathe* set the worlde in their heart, yet can not man finde out the worke that God hath wrought from the beginning euen to the end.
- 12 I knowe that there is nothing good in them, but to reioyce, & to do good in his life.
- 13 And also that euerie man eateth and drinketh, and seeth the commoditie of all his labour. this is the gift of God.
- 14 I knowe that whatsoever God shal do, it shalbe for euer: to it can no man adde, and from it can none diminish: for God hath done it, that they shulde feare before him.
- 15 What is that that hath bene? That is now: and that that shalbe, *hathe* now bene: for God requireth that which is past.
- 16 And moreouer I haue sene vnder the sunne the place of iudgement, where *was* wickednes, and the place of iustice where *was* iniquitie.
- 17 I thought in mine heart, God wil iudge the iust & the wicked. for time is there for euerie purpose and for euerie worke.
- 18 I considered in mine heart the state of the children of men that God had purged them: yet to se to, they are in them selues *as* beasts.

19 For the condition of the children of men, and the condition of beastes *are euen as* one condition vnto them. As the one dyeth, so dyeth the other. for they haue all one breath, and there is no excellencie of man aboue the beast. for all *is* vanitie.

20 All go to one place, & all was of the dust, and all shal returne to the dust.

21 Who knoweth whether the spirit of man ascende vpward, and the spirit of the beast descend downeward to the earth?

22 Therefore I se that there is nothing better then that a man shulde reioyce in his affaires, because that is his portion. For who shal bring him to se what shalbe after him?

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15

CHAP. XV.

MOreouer brethren, I declare vnto you the Gospel, which I preached vnto you, which ye haue also receiued, and wherein ye continue,

2 And whereby ye are saued, if ye kepe in memorie, after what maner I preached it vnto you, except ye haue beleued in vaine.

3 For first of all, I deliuered vnto you that which I receiued, how that Christ dyed for our sinnes, according to the Scriptures,

4 And that he was buried, & that he arose the third day, according to the Scriptures,

5 And that he was sene of Cephas, then of the twelue.

6 After that, he was sene of mo then fiue hudreth brethren at once: whereof many remaine vnto this present, & some also are a slepe.

7 After that, he was sene of Iames: then of all the Apostles.

8 And last of all he was sene also of me as of one, borne out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the Apostles, which am not mete to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God.

10 But by the grace of God, I am that I am: and his grace which is in me, was not in vaine: but I laboured more abundantly then they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which is with me.

11 Wherefore whether it were I, or they, so we preache, and so haue ye beleued.

12 ¶ Now if it be preached, that Christ is risen from the dead, how say some among you, that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 For if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vaine, and your faith is also vaine.

15 And we are found also false witnesses of God: for we haue testified of God, that he hathe raised vp Christ: whome he hathe not raised vp, if so be the dead be not raised.

16 For if the dead be not raised, then is Christ not raised.

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vaine: ye are yet in your sinnes.

18 And so they which are a slepe in Christ, are perished.

19 If in this life onely we haue hope in Christ, we are of all men the moste miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* was made the first frutes of them that slept.

21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all dye, euen so in Christ shal all be made aliue,

23 But euerie man in his owne order: the first frutes *is* Christ, afterwarde, they that are of Christ, at his comming *shall rise againe*.

- 24 Then *shalbe* the end, when he hathe deliuered vp the kingdome to God, euen the Father, when he hathe put downe all rule, and all autoritie and power.
- 25 For he must reigne til he hathe put all his enemies vnder his fete.
- 26 The last enemy that shalbe destroyed, *is* death.
- 27 For he hathe put downe all things vnder his fete. (And when he saith that all things are subdued *to him*, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put downe all things vnder him.)
- 28 And when all things shalbe subdued vnto him, then shal the Sonne also him self be subiect vnto him, that did subdue all things vnder him, that God may be all in all.
- 29 Els what shal they do which are baptized for dead? If the dead rise not at all, why are they then baptized for dead?
- 30 Why are we also in ieopardie euerie houre?
- 31 By your reioycing which I haue in Christ Iesus our Lord, I dye daily.
- 32 If I haue fought with beastes at Ephesus after the maner of men, what aduantage it me, if the dead be not raised vp? let vs eate & drinke: for to morowe we shal die.
- 33 Be not deceiued: euil speakings corrupt good maners.
- 34 Awake to *liue* righteously, and sinne not: for some haue not the knowledge of God. I speake this to your shame.
- 35 But some man wil say, How are the dead raised vp? and with what bodie come they forthe?
- 36 O foole, that which thou sowest, is not quickened, except it dye.
- 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that bodie that shalbe, but bare corne as it falleth, of wheat, or of some other.
- 38 But God giueth it a bodie at his pleasure, euen to euerie sede his owne bodie.

39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beastes, and another of fishes, and another of birdes.

40 There *are* also heauenlie bodies, and earthlie bodies: but the glorie of the heauenlie is one, and *the glorie* of the earthlie is another.

41 There is another glorie of the sunne, and another glorie of the moone, and another glorie of the starres: for one starre differeth from *another* starre in glorie.

42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The bodie* is sowen in corruption, *and* is raised in incorruption.

43 It is sowen in dishonour, *and* is raised in glorie: it is sowen in weakenes, & is raised in power.

44 It is sowen a natural bodie, & is raised a spiritual bodie: there is a natural bodie, & there is a spiritual bodie.

45 As it is also writen, The first man Adam was made a liuing soule: and the last Adam *was made* a quickening Spirit.

46 Howbeit that *was* not first *made* which is spiritual: but that *which is* natural, & afterwarde that *which is* spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthlie: the seconde man *is* the Lord from heauen.

48 As *is* the earthlie, suche *are* they that are earthlie: & as *is* the heauenlie, suche *are* they also that are heauenlie.

49 And as we haue borne the image of the earthlie, so shal we beare the image of the heauenlie.

50 This say I, brethren, that flesh & blood can not inherit the kingdome of God, nether doeth corruption inherite incorruption.

51 Beholde, I shewe you a secret thing, We shal not all slepe, but we shal all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall blow, and the dead shall be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption: and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible hath put on incorruption, & this mortal hath put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up into victory.

55 O death where *is* thy sting! ô grave where *is* thy victory!

56 The sting of death *is* sinne: and the strength of sinne *is* the Law.

57 But thanks *be* unto God which hath given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoving, abundant always in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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