

Sonnet 49: Fayre cruell

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Morning Prayer: Psa 56-8; Jos 5; Luk 23

Evening Prayer: Psa 59-61; Jos 6; 1Th 3

Morning Prayer: Psalms 56-58

P S A L. L V I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid on Michtam, concerning the dumme dooue in a farre countrei, when the Philistims toke him in Gath.*

BE merciful vnto me, ô God, for man wolde swallow me vp:
he fighteth continually *and* vexeth me.

2 Mine enemies wolde daiely swallow me vp: for manie fight
against me, ô thou moste High.

3 When I was afraid, I trusted in thee.

4 I will reioyce in God, *because* of his worde, I trust in God, &
wil not feare what flesh can do vnto me.

5 Mine owne wordes grieue *me* daily: all their thoughts *are* against
me to do me hurt.

6 They gather together, and kepe them selues close: they marke
my steppes, because they waite for my soule.

7 They *thinke* they shal escape by iniquitie: ô God, cast *these*
people downe in *thine* angre.

8 Thou hast counted my wandrings: put my teares into thy bottel:
are they not in thy registre?

9 When I crye, then mine enemies shal turne backe: this I know,
for God *is* with me.

10 I wil reioyce in God *because of his* worde: in the Lord wil I
reioyce *because of his* worde.

11 In God do I trust: I wil not be afraid what man can do vnto me.
12 Thy vowes *are* vpon me, ô God: I wil rendre praises vnto thee.
13 For thou hast deliuered my soule from death, and also my fete
from falling, that I maye walke before God in the light of the
liuing.

P S A L. L V I I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. Destroye not. A Psalm of Dauid on
Michtam. When he fled from Saul in the caue.*

HAue mercie vpon me, ô God, haue mercie vpon me: for my
soule trusteth in thee, and in the shadowe of thy wings wil I
trust, til *these* afflictions ouerpasse.

2 I wil call vnto the moste high God, *euen* to the God, that
performeth *his promes* toward me.

3 He wil send from heauen, and saue me from the reprove of him
that wolde swallow me. Selah. God wil send his mercie, and his
trueth.

4 My soule *is* among lions: I lie *among* the children of men, that
are set on fyre: whose teeth *are* speares and arrowes, and their
tongue a sharpe sworde.

5 Exalte thy self, ô God, aboute the heauen, & let thy glory *be*
vpon all the earth.

6 They haue layed a net for my steppes: my soule is pressed
downe: they haue digged a pit before me, & are fallen into the
middes of it. Selah.

7 Mine heart is prepared, ô God, mine heart is prepared: I wil sing
& giue praise.

8 Awake my tongue, awake viole & harpe: I wil awake early.

9 I will praise thee, ô Lord, among the people, *and* I wil sing vnto
thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercie is great vnto the heauens, *and* thy trueth vnto the cloudes.

11 Exalt thy selfe, ô God, aboue the heauens, *and* let thy glorie *be* vpon all the earth.

P S A L. L V I I I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. Destroye not. A Psal. of Dauid on Michtam.*

IS it true? ô Congregacion, speake ye iustly? ô sonnes of men, Iudge ye vprightly?

2 Y.a, rather ye imagine mischief in *your* heart: your hands execute crueltie vpon the earth.

3 The wicked are strangers from the wombe: *euen* from the belly haue they erred, & speake lies.

4 Their poison is euen like the poison of a serpent: like the deafe adder *that* stoppeth his eare.

5 Which heareth not the voyce of the inchanter, thogh he be moste expert in charming.

6 Breake their teeth, ô God, in their mouthes: breake the iawes of the yong lions, ô Lord.

7 Let them melt like the waters, let them passe away: when he shooteth his arrowes, *let them be* as broken.

8 Let them consume like a snaile that melteth, & *like* the vntimelie frute of a woman, *that* hathe not sene the sunne.

9 As rawe flesh before your pottes fele *the fyre* of thornes: *so* let him carie them away as with a whirle winde in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shal reioyce when he seeth the vengeance: he shal wash his fete in the blood of the wicked.

11 And men shal say, Verely there is frute for the righteous: doutles there is a God that iudgeth in the earth.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Joshua 5

C H A P. V.

NOW when all the Kings of the Amorites, which were beyonde Iorden Westward, and all the Kinges of the Canaanites which were by the Sea, heard that the Lord had dryed vp the waters of Iorden before the children of Israel vntil they were gone ouer, their heart fainted: and there was no courage in them anie more because of the children of Israel.

2 ¶ That same time the Lord said vnto Ioshua, Make thee [sharpe kniues, and] returne, and circumcise the sonnes of Israel the second time.

3 Then Ioshua made him sharpe kniues & circumcised the sonnes of Israel in the hil of the foreskinnes.

4 And this is the cause why Ioshua circumcised all the people, *euen* the males that came out of Egypt, because all the men of warre were dead in the wildernes by the way after they came out of Egypt.

5 For all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were borne in the wildernes by the way after they came out of Egypt, were not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked fourty yeres in the wildernes, til all the people of the men of warre that came out of Egypt were consumed, because they obeyed not the voyce of the Lord: vnto whome the Lord sware, that he would not shewe them the lande, which the Lord had sworne vnto their fathers, that he wolde giue vs, *euen* a land that floweth with milke and honie.

7 So their sonnes whome he raised vp in their steade, Ioshua circumcised: for they were vncircumcised, because they circumcised them not by the way.

8 And when they had made an end of circumcising all the people, they abode in the places in the campe till they were whole.

9 After, the Lord said vnto Ioshua, This day I haue taken away the shame of Egypt from you: wherefore he called the name of that place Gilgal, vnto this day.

10 ¶ So the children of Israel abode in Gilgal, and kept the feast of the Passeouer the fourteenth day of the moneth at euen in the plaine of Iericho.

11 And they did eat of the corne of the land, on the morow after the Passeouer, vnleauened bread, and parched corne in the same day.

12 And the M A N ceased on the morowe after they had eaten of the corne of the land, nether had the children of Israel M A N anie more, but did eat of the frute of the land of Canaan that yere.

13 ¶ And when Ioshua was by Iericho, he lift vp his eyes and looked: and beholde, there stode a man against him, hauing a sworde drawn in his hand: and Ioshua went vnto him, & said vnto him, Art thou on our side, or on our aduersaries?

14 And he said, Nay, but *as* a captaine of the hoste of the Lord am I nowe come: then Ioshua fel on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said vnto him, What saith my Lord vnto his seruant?

15 And the captaine of the Lords hoste said vnto Ioshua, Lose thy shooe of thy foote: for the place wheron thou standest, is holy: and Ioshua did so.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Luke 23

C H A P. X X I I I.

Then the whole multitude of them arose, and led him vnto Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We haue founde this man peruerting the people, and forbidding to pay tribute to Cesar, saying, That he is Christ a King.

3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Iewes?
And he answered him, and said, Thou saist it.

4 Then said Pilate to the hie Priests, and to the people, I finde no
faute in this man.

5 But they were the more fierce, saying, He moueth the people,
teaching throughout all Iudea, beginning at Galile, euen to this
place.

6 Now when Pilate heard of Galile, he asked whether the man
were a Galilean.

7 And when he knewe that he was of Herodes iurisdiction, he sent
him to Herode, which was also at Ierusalem in those daies.

8 And when Herode sawe Iesus, he was exceedingly glad: for he
was desirous to se him of a long season, because he had heard
manie things of him, and trusted to haue sene some signe done by
him.

9 Then questioned he with him of manie things: but he answered
him nothing.

10 The hie Priests also and Scribes stode forthe, and accused him
vehemently.

11 And Herode with his men of warre, despised him, and mocked
him, and arrayed him in white, and sent him againe to Pilate.

12 And the same daye Pilate and Herode were made friends
together: for before they were enemies one to another.

13 ¶ Then Pilate called together the hie Priests, and the rulers, and
the people,

14 And said vnto them, Ye haue broght this man vnto me, as one
that peruerted the people: and beholde, I haue examined him
before you, and haue founde no faute in this man, of those things
whereof ye accuse him:

15 No, nor yet Herode: for I sent you to him: and lo, nothing
worthie of death is done to him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and let him lowse.

17 (For of necessitie hee must haue let one lowse vnto them at the feast.)

18 Then all ye multitude cryed at once, saying, Away with him, and deliuer to vs Barabbas:

19 Which for a certeine insurrection made in the citie, & murther, was cast in prison.

20 Then Pilate spake againe to them, willing to let Iesus lowse.

21 But they cryed, saying, Crucifie, crucifie him.

22 And he said vnto them the third time, But what euil hathe he done? I finde no cause of death in him: I wil therefore chastise him, and let him lowse.

23 But they were instant with loude voyces, and required that he might be crucified: and the voyces of them and of the hie Priests preuailed.

24 So Pilate gaue sentence, that it shulde be as they required.

25 And he let lowse vnto them him that for insurrection and murther was cast into prison, whome thei desired, and deliuered Iesus to do with him what they wolde.

26 And as they led him awaye, they caught one Simon of Cyrene, comming out of the fielde, and on him they laid the crosse, to beare it after Iesus.

27 And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women, which women bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Iesus turned backe vnto them, and said, Daughters of Ierusalem, wepe not for me, but wepe for your selues, and for your children.

29 For beholde, the daies wil come, when men shal say, Blessed *are* the barren, & the wombes that neuer bare, and the pappes which neuer gaue sucke.

30 Then shal they beginne to say to the mountaines, Fall on vs:
and to the hilles, Couer vs.

31 For if they do these things to a grene tree, what shalbe done to
the drye?

32 And there were two others, which were euil doers, led with
him to be slayne.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called
Caluerie, there thei crucified him, and the euil doers: one at the
right hand, and the other at the left.

34 Then said Iesus, Father, forgiue them: for they knowe not what
thei do. And thei parted his rayment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stode, and behelde: and the rulers mocked him
with them, saying, He saued others: let him saue him self, if he be
the Christ, the Chosen of God.

36 The souldiers also mocked him, and came and offred him
vineger,

37 And said, If thou be the King of the Iewes, saue thy self.

38 And a superscription was also written ouer him, in Greeke
letters, and in Latin, & in Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING
OF THE IEWES.

39 ¶ And one of the euil doers, which were hanged, railed on him,
saying, If thou be the Christ, saue thy self and vs.

40 But the other answered, and rebuked him, saying, Fearest thou
not God, seing thou art in the same condemnacion?

41 We are in dede righteously *here*: for we receiue things worthie
of that we haue done: but this man hathe done nothing amisse.

42 And he said vnto Iesus, Lord, remember me, when thou
comest into thy kingdome.

43 Then Iesus said vnto him, Verely I say vnto thee, to day shalt
thou be with me in Paradise.

44 ¶ And it was about the sixt houre: and there was a darkenes
ouer all the land, vntil the ninth houre.

45 And the sunne was darkened, and the vaile of the Temple rent
through the middes.

46 And Iesus cryed with a loude voyce, and said, Father, into
thine hands I commend my spirit. And when he thus had said, he
gaue vp the gost.

47 ¶ Now when the Centurion sawe what was done, he glorified
God, saying, Of a suretie this man was iuste.

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding
the things, which were done, smote their brests, and returned.

49 And all his acquaintance stode a farre of, & the women that
followed him from Galile, beholding these things.

50 ¶ And beholde, there was a man named Ioseph, which was a
counsellor, a good man and a iust.

51 He did not consent to the counsel and dede of them, *which was*
of Arimathea, a citie of the Iewes: who also him self waited for the
kingdome of God.

52 He went vnto Pilate, and asked the bodie of Iesus,

53 And toke it downe, and wrapped it in a linnen cloth, & laid it
in a tounge hewen out of a rocke, wherein was neuer man yet laid.

54 And that day was the Preparacion, & the Sabbath drewe on.

55 And the women also that followed after, which came with him
from Galile, behelde the sepulchre, & how his bodie was laid.

56 And thei returned and prepared odores, and ointments, and
rested the Sabbath *day* according to the commandement.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 59-61

P S A L. L I X.

¶ *To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalme of Dauid on Michtam. When Saul sent & they did watche the house to kil him.*

O My God, deliuer me from mine enemies: defend me from them that rise vp against me.

2 Deliuier me from the wicked doers, and saue me from the blooddie men.

3 For lo, they haue layed waite for my soule: the mightie men are gathered against me, not for mine offense, nor for my sinne, ô Lord.

4 They runne and prepare them selues without a faute *on my parte*: arise *therefore* to assist me, and beholde.

5 Euen thou, ô Lorde God of hostes, ô God of Israel awake to visite all the heathen, & be not merciful vnto all that transgresse maliciously. Selah.

6 They go to and fro in the euening: they barcke like dogs, and go about the citie.

7 Beholde, they brag in their talke, *and swordes are* in their lippes: for Who, *say they*, doeth heare?

8 But thou, ô Lord, shalt haue them in derision, *and* thou shalt laugh at all the heathen.

9 He is strong: *but* I wil waite vpon thee: for God *is* my defence.

10 My merciful God wil preuent me: God wil let me se *my desire* vpon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it: *but* scater them abroad by thy power, & put them downe, ô Lord our shield,

12 *For* the sinne of their mouth, & the wordes of their lippes: and let them be taken in their pride, euen for their periurie and lies, *that* thei speake.

13 Consume *them* in *thy* wrath: consume *them* that thei be no more: and let them know that God ruleth in Iaakob, *euen* vnto the ends of the worlde. Selah.

14 And in the euening they shal go to and fro, & barcke like dogs, & go about the citie.

15 Thei shal runne here and there for meat: & surely they shal not be satisfied, thogh they tarie all night.

16 But I wil sing of thy power, & wil praise thy mercie in the morning: for thou hast bene my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Vnto thee, ô my Strength, wil I sing: for God is my defence, *and* my merciful God.

P S A L. L X.

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon Shushan Eduth, or Michtam. A Psal. of Dauid to teache. When he foght against Aram Naharaim, and against Aram Zobah, when Ioab returned and slew twelue thousand Edomites in the salt vallei.*

O God, thou hast cast vs out, thou hast scatered vs, thou hast bene angrie, turne againe vnto vs.

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble, and hast made it to gape: heale the breaches thereof, for it is shaken.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people heauie things: thou hast made vs to drinke the wine of giddines.

4 *But now* thou hast giuen a banner to them that feare thee, that it may be displaid because of *thy* trueth. Selah.

5 That thy beloued may be deliuered, help with thy right hand and heare me.

- 6 God hathe spoken in his holines: *therefore* I wil reioyce: I shal deuide Shechem, & measure the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead *shalbe* mine, and Manasseh *shalbe* mine: Ephraim also *shalbe* the strength of mine head: Iudah is my lawgiuer.
- 8 Moab *shalbe* my wash pot: ouer Edom will I cast out my shoe: Palestina shew thy self ioyful for me.
- 9 Who wil lead me into the strong citie? who wil bring me vnto Edom?
- 10 Wilt not thou, ô God, *which* hadest cast vs of, & didest not go forthe, ô God, with our armies?
- 11 Giue vs helpe against trouble: for vaine is the helpe of man.
- 12 Through God we shal do valiantly: for he shal treade downe our enemies.

P S A L. L X I.

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

- H**Eare my cry, ô God: giue eare vnto my praier.
- 2 From the endes of the earth wil I crye vnto thee: when mine heart is opprest, bring me vpon the rocke that is higher then I.
- 3 For thou hast bene mine hope, & a strong tower against theemie.
- 4 I wil dwel in thy Tabernacle for euer, & my trust shal be vnder the couering of thy wings. Selah.
- 5 For thou, ô God, hast heard my desires: thou hast giuen an heritage vnto those that feare thy Name.
- 6 Thou shalt giue the King a long life: his *yeres* shalbe as manie ages.
- 7 He shal dwell before God for euer: prepare mercie and faithfulness *that* they may preserue him.
- 8 So will I alway sing praise vnto thy Name in performing daiely my vowes.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Joshua 6

C H A P. V I.

NOw Iericho was shut vp, & closed, because of the children of Israel. none might go out nor entre in.

2 And the Lorde saide vnto Ioshua, Beholde, I haue giuen into thine hand Iericho and the King thereof, *and* the strong men of warre.

3 All ye therefore *that be* men of warre, shal compasse the citie, in going round about the citie once: thus shal you do six dayes:

4 And seuen Priests shal beare seuen trumpets of rams hornes before the Arke: & the seuenth day ye shal compasse the citie seuen times, and the Priests shal blowe with the trumpets.

5 And when they make a long *blast* with the rams horne, & ye heare the sounde of the trompet, all the people shal shoute with a great shoute: then shal the wall of the citie fall downe flat, and the people shall ascend vp, euerie man streight before him.

6 ¶ Then, Ioshua the sonne of Nun called the Priests & said vnto them, Take vp the Arke of the couenant, & let seuen Priests beare seuen trumpets of rams hornes before the Arke of the Lord.

7 But he said vnto the people, Go and compasse the citie: and let him that is armed, go forthe before the Arke of the Lord.

8 ¶ And when Ioshua had spoken vnto the people, the seuen Priests bare the seuen trumpets of rams hornes, and went forthe before the Arke of the Lord, and blew with the trumpets, & the Arke of the couenant of the Lord followed them.

9 ¶ And the men of armes went before the Priests, that blewe the trumpets: then the gathering *hoste* came after the Arke, as they went and blewe the trumpets.

10 (Now Ioshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shoute, neither make any noise with your voice, neither shall a word proceede out of your mouth, vntill the day that I say vnto you, Shoute, then shall ye shoute)

11 So the Arke of the Lord compassed the citie, and went about it once: then they returned into the hoste, and lodged in the campe.

12 And Ioshua rose early in the morning, & the Priests bare the Arke of the Lord:

13 Also seven Priests bare seven trumpets of rams hornes, and went before the Arke of the Lord, and going blew with the trumpets: and the men of armes went before them, but the gathering *hoste* came after the Arke of the Lord, as they went and blew the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the citie once, and returned into the hoste: thus they did six dayes.

15 And when the seventh day came, they rose early, euen with the dawning of the day, and compassed the citie after the same maner seven times. onely that day they compassed the citie seven times.

16 And when the Priests had blown the trumpets the seventh time, Ioshua said vnto the people, Shoute: for the Lord hath giuen you the citie.

17 And the citie shall be an execrable thing, *bothe* it, and all that are therein, vnto the Lord: onely Rahab the harlot shall liue, she, and all that are with her in the house: for she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 Notwithstanding, be ye ware of the execrable thing, lest ye make your selues execrable, & in taking of the execrable thing, make also the hoste of Israel execrable, and trouble it.

19 But all siluer, and golde, and vessels of brasse, and yron shall be consecrate vnto the Lord, *and* shall come into the Lords treasure.

20 So the people shouted, when they had blown trumpets: for when the people had heard the sounde of the trompet, they shouted with a great shoute: and the wall fel downe flat: so the people went vp into the citie, euerie man streight before him: and they toke the citie.

21 And they vtterly destroyed all that was in the citie, both man and woman, yong, and olde, and oxe, and shepe, and asse, with the edge of the sworde.

22 But Ioshua had said vnto the two men that had spied out the countrey, Go into the harlots house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hathe, as ye sware to her.

23 So the yong men that were spies, went in, and broght out Rahab, and her father and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had: also they broght out all her familie, and put them without the hoste of Israel.

24 After they burnt the citie with fire, and all that was therein. onely the siluer and the golde, and the vessels of brasse and yron, they put vnto the treasure of the house of the Lord.

25 So Ioshua saued Rahab the harlot, and her fathers housholde, & all that she had; & she dwelt in Israel euen vnto this day, because she had hid the messengers, which Ioshua sent to spie out Iericho.

26 ¶ And Ioshua sware at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth vp, and buyldeth this citie Iericho: he shal lay the fundacion thereof in his eldest sonne, & in his yongest sonne shall he set vp the gates of it.

27 So the Lord was with Ioshua, and he was famous through all the worlde.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 1Thessalonians 3

CHAP. III.

WHerefore since we colde no longer forbear, we thoght it good to remaine at Athens alone,

2 And haue sent Timotheus our brother & minister of God, and our labour felow in the Gospel of Christ, to stablish you, and to comfort you touching your faith,

3 That no man shulde be moued with these afflictions: for ye your selues knowe, that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verely when we were with you, we told you before that we shulde suffre tribulations, euen as it came to passe, and ye knowe it.

5 Euen for this cause, when I colde no longer forbear, I sent *him* that I might knowe of your faith, lest the tempter had tempted you in any sorte, and that our labour had bene in vaine.

6 But now lately when Timotheus came from you vnto vs, and broght vs good tidings of your faith & loue, and that ye haue good remembrance of vs alwayes, desiring to se vs, as we also *do* you,

7 Therefore, brethren, we had consolation in you, in all our affliction and necessitie through your faith.

8 For now are we aliue, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we recompense to God againe for you for all the ioye wherewith we reioyce for your sakes before our God,

10 Night and day praying excedingly that we might se your face, & might accomplish that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God him self, euen our Father, and our Lord Iesus Christ, guide our iorney vnto you,

12 And the Lord increase you & make you abunde in loue one towarde another, and towarde all men, euen as we *do* towarde you:

13 To make your hearts stable and vnblameable in holines before
God euen our Father, at the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ with
all his Saints.

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