

Sonnet 59: Thrise happy she

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Morning Prayer: Psa 105; Jud 13; Joh 9

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Morning Prayer: Psalm 105

P S A L. C V.

PRaise the Lord, & call vpon his Name: declare his workes
among the people.

2 Sing vnto him, sing praise vnto him, & talke of all his
wonderous workes.

3 Reioyce in his holy Name: let the heart of them that seke the
Lord, reioyce.

4 Seke the Lord & his strength: seke his face continually.

5 Remembre his maruelous workes, that he hathe done, his
wonders and the iudgements of his mouth,

6 Ye sede of Abraham his seruant, ye children of Iaakob, which
are his elect.

7 He is the Lord our God: his iudgements *are* through all the
earth.

8 He hathe alwaie remembred his couenant & promes, that he
made to a thousand generacions,

9 *Euen* that which he made with Abraham, and his othe vnto
Izhak:

10 And *since* hath confirmed it to Iaakob for a law, & to Israel for
an euerlasting couenant,

11 Saying, Vnto thee wil I giue the land of Canaan, the lot of your
inheritance.

12 Albeit they were fewe in number, *yea*, verie fewe & strangers
in the land,

13 And walked about from nacion to nacion, from *one* kingdome
to another people,

14 *Yet* suffred he no man to do them wrong, but reprov'd Kings
for their sakes, *saying*,

15 Touche not mine anointed, and do my Prophetes no harme.

16 Moreouer, he called a famine vpon the land, & vtterly brake
the staf of bread.

17 *But* he sent a man before them: Ioseph was solde for a slaue.

18 They helde his fete in the stockes, & he was laide in yrons,

19 Vntil his appointed time came, & the counsel of the Lord had
tryed him.

20 The King sent and losed him: *euen* the Ruler of the people
deliuered him.

21 He made him Lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance,

22 That he shulde binde his princes vnto his wil, & teache his
Ancients wisdom.

23 Then Israel came to Egypt, and Iaakob was a stranger in the
land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people exceedingly, and made them
stronger then their oppressers.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, and to deale craftely
with his seruants.

26 *Then* sent he Moses his seruant, & Aaron whome he had
chosen.

27 They shewed among them the message of his signes, and
wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkenes, and made it darke: and they were not
disobedient vnto his commission.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slewe their fish.

30 Their land broght forthe frogs, *euen* in their Kings chambers.
31 He spake, & there came swarmes of flies & lice in all their
quarters.
32 He gaue them haile for raine, & flames of fyre in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their figtrees, and brake downe
the trees in their coastes.
34 He spake, and the grasshoppers came, & caterpillers
innumerable,
35 And did eat vp all the grasse in their land, and deuoured the
frute of their grounde.
36 He smote also all the first borne in their land, *euen* the
beginning of all their strength.
37 He broght them forthe also with siluer and golde, and there
was none feble among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad at their departing: for the feare of them had
fallen vpon them.
39 He spred a cloude to be a couering, and fyre to giue light in the
night.
40 They asked, and he broght quailles, & he filled them with the
bread of heauen.
41 He opened the rocke, and the waters flowed out, *and* ran in the
drye places *like* a riuer.
42 For he remembred his holie promes to Abraham his seruant,
43 And he broght forthe his people with ioye, & his chosen with
gladnes,
44 And gaue them the lands of the heathen, and they toke the
labours of the people in possession,
45 That they might kepe his statutes, and obserue his Lawes.
Praise ye the Lord.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Judges 13

CHAP. XIII.

BVt the children of Israel continued to commit wickednes in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord deliuered them into the hands of the Philistims fortie yere.

2 ¶ Then there was a man in Zorah of the familie of the Danites, named Manoah, whose wife was baren, and bare not.

3 And the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto the woman, and said vnto her, Beholde now, thou art baren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceiue, and beare a sonne.

4 And nowe therefore beware that thou drinke no wine, nor strong drinke, nether eat anie vncleane thing.

5 For lo, thou shalt conceiue and beare a sonne, & no rasor shall come on his head: for the childe shall be a Nazarite vnto God from his birth: and he shal begin to saue Israel out of the hands of the Philistims.

6 ¶ Then the wife came, & tolde her housband, saying, A man of God came vnto me, and the facion of him was like the facion of the Angel of God exceding feareful, but I asked him not whence he was, nether told he me his name,

7 But he said vnto me, Beholde, thou shalt conceiue, and beare a sonne, and now thou shalt drinke no wine, nor strong drinke, nether eat anie vncleane thing: for the childe shal be a Nazarite to God from his birth to the day of his death.

8 Then Manoah prayed to the Lord and said, I pray thee, my Lord, let the man of God, whome thou sentest, come againe now vnto vs, and teache vs what we shal do vnto the child when he is borne.

9 And God heard the voyce of Manoah, & the Angel of God came againe vnto the wife, as she sate in the field, but Manoah her housbande was not with her.

10 ¶ And the wife made haste and ranne, and shewed her housbande and said vnto him, Beholde, the man hathe appeared vnto me, that came vnto me to day.

11 And Manoah arose and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said vnto him, Art thou the man that spakest vnto the woman? and he said, Yea.

12 Then Manoah sayde, Now let thy saying come to passe: *but* how shall we ordre the childe, and do vnto him?

13 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto Manoah, The woman must beware of all that I said vnto her.

14 She may eat of nothing that commeth of the vinetre: she shal not drinke wine nor strong drinke, nor eat anie vncleane thing: let her obserue all that I haue commanded her.

15 Manoah then said vnto the Angel of the Lord, I pray thee, let vs reteine thee, vntil we haue made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto Manoah, Thogh thou make me abide, I wil not eat of thy bread, and if thou wilt make a burnt offering, offer it vnto the Lord: for Manoah knewe not that it was an Angel of the Lord.

17 Againe Manoah said vnto the Angel of the Lord, What is thy name, that when thy saying is come to passe, we may honour thee?

18 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, which is secret?

19 Then Manoah toke a kid with a meat offering, and offred it vpon a stone vnto the Lorde: and *the Angel* did wonderously, whiles Manoah and his wife loked on.

20 For when the flame came vp towarde heauen from the altar, the Angel of the Lord ascended vp in the flame of the altar, and Manoah and his wife beheld it, & fel on their faces vnto the ground.

21 (So the Angel of the Lord did no more appeare vnto Manoah and his wife) Then Manoah knewe that it was an Angel of the Lord.

22 And Manoah said vnto his wife, We shal surely dye, because we haue sene God.

23 But his wife said vnto him, If the Lorde wolde kill vs, he wolde not haue receiued a burnt offering, and a meat offering of our hands, neither wolde he haue shewed vs all these things, nor wolde now haue tolde vs anie suche.

24 ¶ And the wife bare a sonne, and called his name Samson: and the childe grewe, & the Lord blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to strengthen him in the hoste of Dan, betwene Zorah, and Eshtaol.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: John 9

C H A P. I X.

ANd as Iesus passed by, he sawe a man which was blinde from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sinne, this man, or his parents, that he was borne blinde?

3 Iesus answered, Nether hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the workes of God shulde be shewed on him.

4 I must worke the workes of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can worke.

5 As long as I am in the worlde, I am the light of the worlde.

6 Assone as he had thus spoken, he spate on the grounde, and made clay of the spettle, and anointed the eyes of the blinde with the clay,

7 And said vnto him, Go wash in the poole of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, & came againe seing.

8 Now the neighbours and they that had sene him before, when he was blinde, said, Is not this he that sate and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: & others said, He is like him: but he him self said, I am he.

10 Therefore they said vnto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered, and said, The man that is called Iesus, made claye, and anointed mine eyes, and said vnto me, Go to the poole of Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and receiued sight.

12 Then they sayd vnto him, Where is he? He said, I can not tell.

13 ¶ They broght to the Pharises him that was once blinde.

14 And it was the Sabbath *day*, when Iesus made the claye, and opened his eyes.

15 Then againe the Pharises also asked him, how he had receiued sight. And he said vnto them, He laid claye vpon mine eyes, & I washed, and do se.

16 Then said some of the Pharises, This man is not of God, because he kepeth not the Sabbath *day*. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner, do such miracles? and there was a dissension among them.

17 Then spake they vnto the blinde againe, What saist thou of him, because he hath opened thine eyes? And he said, He is a Prophet.

18 Then the Iewes did not beleue him (that he had bene blinde, and receiued his sight) vntil they had called the parents of him that had receiued sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your sonne, whom ye say was borne blinde? How doeth he now se then?

20 His parents answered them, and said, We knowe that this is our sonne, & that he was borne blinde:

21 But by what meanes he now seeth, we knowe not: or who hath opened his eyes, can we not tell: he is olde ynough: aske him: he shal answer for him self.

22 These wordes spake his parents, because they feared the Iewes: for the Iewes had ordeined alreadie, that if any man did confesse that he was Christ, he shulde be *excommunicate* out of the Synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is olde ynough: aske him.

24 Then againe called they the man that had bene blinde, and said vnto him, Giue glorie vnto God: we knowe that this man is a sinner.

25 Then he answered, and said, Whither he be a sinner or no, I can not tell: one thing I knowe, that I was blinde, and now I se.

26 Then said they to him againe, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I haue tolde you alreadie, and ye haue not heard it: wherefore wolde ye heare it againe? wil ye also be his disciples?

28 Then checked they him, & said, Be thou his disciple: we be Moses disciples.

29 We knowe that God spake with Moses: but this man we knowe not from whence he is.

30 The man answered, and said vnto them, Doutles, this is a marueilous thing, that ye knowe not whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his wil, him heareth he.

32 Since the worlde began was it not heard, that any man opened the eyes of one that was borne blinde.

- 33 If this man were not of God, hee colde haue done nothing.
- 34 They answered, & said vnto him, Thou art altogether borne in sinnes, and doest thou teache vs? so they cast him out.
- 35 Iesus heard that they had cast him out: and when he had founde him, he said vnto him, Doest thou beleue in the Sonne of God?
- 36 He answered, and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might beleue in him?
- 37 And Iesus said vnto him, Bothe thou hast sene him, & he it is that talketh with thee.
- 38 Then he said, Lord, I beleue, and worshipped him.
- 39 And Iesus said, I am come vnto iudgement into this world, that they which se not, might se: & that they which see, might be made blinde.
- 40 And some of the Pharises which were with him, heard these things, and said vnto him, Are we blinde also?
- 41 Iesus said vnto them, If ye were blinde, ye shulde not haue sinne: but now ye say, We se: therefore your sinne remaineth.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 106

P S A L. C V I.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

PRaise ye the Lord because he is good, for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

- 2 Who can expresse the noble actes of the Lord, or shewe forthe all his praise?
- 3 Blessed *are* they that kepe iudgement, and do righteousnes at all times.
- 4 Remember me, ô Lord, with the fauour of thy people: visit me with thy saluacion,

5 That I may see the felicitie of thy chosen, and reioyce in the ioye of thy people, and glorie with thine inheritance.

6 We haue sinned with our fathers: we haue committed iniquitie, *and* done wickedly.

7 Our fathers vnderstode not thy wonders in Egypt, nether remembred they the multitude of thy mercies, but rebelled at the Sea, *euen* at the red Sea.

8 Neuertheles he saued them for his Names sake, that he might make his power to be knowen.

9 And he rebuked the red Sea, and it was dried vp, and he led them in the depe, as in the wildernes.

10 And he saued them from the aduersaries hand, and deliuered them from the hand of theemie.

11 And the waters couered their oppressers: not one of them was left.

12 Then beleued they his wordes, & sang praise vnto him.

13 But incontinently they forgate his workes: they waited not for his counsel,

14 But lusted with concupiscence in the wildernes, & tempted God in the desert.

15 Then he gaue them their desire: but he sent leannes into their soule.

16 They enuied Moses also in the tentes, & Aaron the holie one of the Lord.

17 *Therefore* the earth opened and swallowed vp Dathan, and couered the companie of Abiram.

18 And the fyre was kindled in their assemblie: the flame burnt vp the wicked.

19 They made a calfe in Horeb, & worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they turned their glorie into the similitude of a bullocke, that eateth grasse.

21 They forgate God their Sauour, which had done great things
in Egypt,

22 Wonderous workes in the land of Ham, and fearful things by
the red Sea.

23 Therefore he minded to destroye them, had not Moses his
chosen stand in the breache before him to turne away his wrath,
lest he shulde destroye *them*.

24 Also they contemned that pleasant land, & beleued not is
worde,

25 But murmured in their tentes, & hearkened not vnto the voyce
of the Lord.

26 Therefore he lifted vp his hand against them, to destroye them
in the wildernes,

27 And to destroye their sede among the nacions, and to scatter
them throughout the countreis.

28 They ioyned them selues also vnto Baal-peor, and did eat the
offrings of the dead.

29 Thus they prouoked *him* vnto angre with their owne
inuentions, and the plague brake in vpon them.

30 But Phinehas stode vp, and executed iudgement, and the
plague was staid.

31 And it was imputed vnto him for righteousnes from generacion
to generacion for euer.

32 They angred him also at the waters of Meribah, so that Moses
was punished for their sakes,

33 Because they vexed his spirit, so that he spake vnaduisedly
with his lippes.

34 Neither destroyed they the people, as the Lord had
commanded them,

35 But were mingled among the heathen, & learned their workes,

36 And serued their idoles, which were their ruine.

37 Yea, they offered their sonnes, and their daughters vnto diuels,
38 And shed innocent blood, *euen* the blood of their sonnes, & of
their daughters, whome they offered vnto the idoles of Canaan, and
the lande was defiled with blood.
39 Thus were they steined with their owne woorkes, and went a
whoring with their owne inuentions.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his
people, & he abhorred his owne inheritance.
41 And he gaue them into the hand of the heathen: and they that
hated them, were lords ouer them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were humbled
vnder their hand.
43 Manie a time did he deliuer them, but they prouoked him by
their counsels: therefore they were broght downe by their iniquitie.
44 Yet he sawe when they were in affliction, and he heard their
crye.
45 And he remembred his couenant toward them and repented
according to the multitude of his mercies,
46 And gaue them fauour in the sight of all them, that led them
captiues.
47 Saue vs, ô Lord our God, and gather vs from among the
heathen, that we maie praise thine holie Name, and glorie in thy
praise.
48 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel for euer & euer, and let all
the people say, So be it. Praise ye the Lord.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Judges 14

C H A P. X I I I I.

NOW Samson went downe to Timnath, and saw a woma in
Timnath of the daughters of the Philistims,

2 And he came vp and told his father and his mother and said, I haue sene a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistims: now therefore giue me her to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said vnto him, Is there neuer a wife among the daughters of thy brethren, and among all my people, that thou must go to take a wife of the vncircumcised Philistims? And Samson said vnto his father, Giue me her, for she pleaseth me wel.

4 But his father and his mother knewe not that it came of the Lord, that he shulde seke an occasion against the Philistims: for at that time the Philistims reigned ouer Israel.

5 ¶ Then went Samson and his father and his mother downe to Timnath, and came to the vineyardes at Timnath: & beholde, a young lyon roared vpon him.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord came vpon him, and he tare him, as one shulde haue rent a kid, and had nothing in his hand, nether tolde he his father nor his mother what he had done.

7 And he went downe, and talked with the woman which was beautiful in the eyes of Samson.

8 And within a *fewe* dayes, when he returned to receiue her, he went aside to se the carkeis of the lyon: and beholde, there was a swarme of bees, and hony in the body of the lyon.

9 And he toke thereof in his hands, and went eating, and came to his father and to his mother, and gaue vnto them, and they did eat: but he tolde not them, that he had taken the hony out of the bodie of the lyon.

10 So his father went downe vnto the woman, and Samson made there a feast: for so vsed the yong men to do.

11 And when they sawe him, they broght thirtie companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson said vnto them, I wil now put forthe a ridle vnto you: & if you can declare it me within seuen dayes of the feast, and finde it out, I wil giue you thirtie shetes, and thirtie change of garments.

13 But if you cannot declare it me, then shal ye giue mee thirtie shetes and thirtie change of garments. And they answered him, Put forthe thy ridle, that we may heare it.

14 And he said vnto them, Out of the eater came meat, and out of the strong came swetenes: & they could not in three dayes expounde the riddle.

15 And when the seuenth day was come, they said vnto Samsons wife, Entise thyne housband, that he may declare vs the ridle, lest we burne thee and thy fathers house with fire. Haue ye called vs, to possesse vs? is it not *so*?

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and said, Surely thou hatest me and louest me not: for thou hast put forthe a ridle vnto the children of my people, and hast not tolde it me. And he said vnto her, Beholde, I haue not told it my father, nor my mother, and shal I tel it thee?

17 Then Samsons wife wept before him seuen dayes, while their feast lasted: and when the seuenth day came, he tolde her, because she was importunate vpon him: so she tolde the ridle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the citie said vnto him the seuenth day before the sonne went downe, What is sweter, then honie? and what is stronger then a lyon? Then said he vnto them, If ye had not plowed with my heiffer, ye had not found out my ridle.

19 And the Spirit of the Lorde came vpon him, and he went downe to Ashkelon, and slew thirtie men of them & spoiled them, and gaue change of garments vnto them, which expounded the ridle: & his wrath was kindled, and he went vp to his fathers house.

20 Then Samsons wife was *giuen* to his companion, whome he had vsed as his friend.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 1 Timothy 6

C H A P. V I.

L Et as many seruants as are vnder the yoke, count their masters worthie of all honour, that the Name of God, and *his* doctrine be not euil spoken of.

2 And they which haue beleeuing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren, but rather do seruice, because they are faithful, and beloued, and partakers of the benefite. These things teache and exhorte.

3 If any man teache other wise, and consenteth not to the wholsome wordes of our Lord Iesus Christ, & to the doctrine, which is according to godlines,

4 He is puffed vp and knoweth nothing, but doteth about questions and strife of wordes, whereof cometh enuie, strife, railings, euil surmisings,

5 Vaine disputations of men of corrupt mindes, and destitute of the trueth, which thinke that gaine is godlines: from suche separate thy self.

6 But godlines is great gaine, if a man be content with that he hath.

7 For we broght nothing into the world, & it is certeine, that we can carie nothing out.

8 Therefore when wee haue fode & raiment, let vs therewith be content.

9 For they that wil be riche, fall into tentation and snares, and into many foolish & noysome lustes, which drowne men in perdition and destruction.

10 For the desire of money is the roote of all euil, which while some lusted after, thei erred from the faith, & perced them selues through with many sorowes.

11 But thou, ô man of God, flee these things, and followe after righteousnes, godlines, faith, loue, pacience, & meeknes.

12 Fight the good fight of faith: laye holde of eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, & hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I charge thee in the sight of God, who quickneth all things, & before Iesus Christ which vnder Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession,

14 That thou kepe this commandement without spot, and vnrebukeable, vntil the appearing of our Lord Iesus Christ,

15 Which in due time he shal shewe, that is blessed and prince onely, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,

16 Who onely hath immortalitie, & dwelleth in the light that none can attaine vnto, whome neuer man sawe, nether can se, vnto whome *be* honour and power euerlasting, Amen.

17 Charge them that are riche in this worlde, that they be not high minded, and that they trust not in vncerteine riches, but in the liuing God, (which giueth vs abundantly all things to enioye)

18 That they do good, & be riche in good workes, & readie to distribute, and communicate,

19 Laying vp in store for them selues a good foundation against the time to come, that they may obteine eternal life.

20 O Timotheus, kepe that which is committed vnto thee, and auoide profane & vaine bablings, and oppositions of science falsely so called,

21 Which while some professe, they haue erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee, Amen.

The first *epistle* to Timotheus written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest citie of Phrygia Pacaciana.

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