

Sonnet 22: This holy season

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Epistle: Joel 2.12-18

12 Therefore also now the Lord saith, Turne you vnto me with all your heart, & with fasting, and with weping, and with mourning,

13 And rent your heart, & not your clothes: and turne vnto the Lord your God, for he is gracious, and merciful, slowe to angre, and of great kindenes, and repenteth him of the euil.

14 Who knoweth, *if* he wil returne and repent and leaue a blessing behinde him, *euen* a meat offering, and a drinke offering vnto the Lord your God?

15 Blowe the trumpet in Zion, sanctifie a fast, call a solemne assembly.

16 Gather the people: sanctifie the congregacion, gather the Elders: assemble the children, & those that sucke the breasts: let the bridegrome go forthe of his chambre, and the bride out of her bride chambre.

17 Let the Priests, the ministers of the Lord wepe betwene the porch & the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, ô Lord, and giue not thine heritage into reproche that the heathen shulde rule ouer them. Wherefore shulde thei say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then wil the Lord be ielouse ouer his land and spare his people.

Gospel: Matthew 6.16-22

16 Moreouer, when ye fast, loke not sowre as the hypocrites: for they disfigure their faces, that they might seme vnto men to fast. Verely I say vnto you, that they haue their rewarde.

17 But when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face,

18 That thou seme not vnto men to fast, but vnto thy Father which is in secret: & thy Father which seeth in secret, wil rewarde thee openly.

19 ¶ Lay not vp treasures for your selues vpon the earth, where the mothe & canker corrupt, and where theues digge through, and steale.

20 But lay vp treasures for your selues in heauen, where nether the mothe nor canker corrupteth, and where theues nether digge through, nor steale.

21 For where your treasure is, there wil your heart be also.

22 ¶ The light of the bodie is the eye: if then thine eye be single, thy whole bodie shal be light.

Morning Prayer: Psalm 71-72

P S A L. L X X I.

IN thee, ô Lord, I trust: let me neuer be ashamed.

2 Rescue me and deliuer me in thy righteousnes: incline thine eare vnto me and saue me.

3 Be thou my strong rocke, whereunto I maie alwaie resort: thou hast giuen commandement to saue me: for thou art my rocke, and my fortresse.

4 Deliuer me, ô my God, out of the hand of the wicked: out of the hand of the euil and cruel man.

5 For thou art mine hope, ô Lord God, *euen* my trust from my youth.

6 Vpon thee haue I bene staid from the wombe: thou art he that toke me out of my mothers bowels: my praise shal be alwaies of thee.

7 I am become as it were a monst e vnto manie: but thou art my sure trust.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise, & with thy glorie euerie daie.

9 Cast mee not of in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speake of me, & they that laie waite for my soule, take their counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: pursue and take him, for their is none to deliuer *him*.

12 Go not farre from me, ô God: my God, haste thee to helpe me.

13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are against my soule: let them be couered with reprove & confusion, that seke mine hurt.

14 But I wil waite continually, & wil praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shal daily rehearse thy righteousnes, *and* thy saluacion: for I knowe not the nomber.

16 I wil go forwarde in the strength of the Lord God, *and* wil make mention of thy righteousnes, *euen* of thine onely.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth euen vntil now: *therefore* wil I tel of thy wonderous workes,

18 Yea, euen vnto *mine* olde age and graie head, ô God: forsake me not, vntil I haue declared thine arme vnto *this* generation, & thy power to all them, that shal come.

19 And thy righteousnes, ô God, *I wil exalt* on high: for thou hast done great things: ô God, who is like vnto thee!

20 Which hast shewed me great troubles and aduersities, *but* thou wilt returne, *and* reuiue me, and wilt come againe, *and* take me vp from the depth of the earth.

21 Thou wilt increase mine honour, & returne *and* comfort me.

22 Therefore wil I praise thee *for* thy faithfulnes, ô God, vpon instrument *and* viole: vnto thee wil I sing vpon the harpe, ô Holie one of Israel.

23 My lippes wil reioyce when I sing vnto thee, and my soule, which thou hast deliuered.

24 My tongue also shal talke of thy righteousnes daily: for they are confounded & brought vnto shame, that seke mine hurt.

P S A L. L X X I I.

¶ A Psalme of Salomon.

Glue thy iudgements to the King, ô God, and thy righteousnes to the Kings sonne.

2 *Then* shal he iudge thy people in righteousnes, and thy poore with equitie.

3 The mountaines and the hils shal bring peace to the people by iustice.

4 He shal iudge the poore of the people: he shal saue the children of the nedie, and shal subdue the oppressor.

5 They shal feare thee as long as the sunne and moone endureth, fro generation to generation.

6 He shal come downe like the raine vpon the mowen grasse, & as the showres that water the earth.

7 In his daies shal the righteous flourish, & abundance of peace *shalbe* so long as the moone endureth.

8 His dominion shalbe also from sea to sea, and from the Riuier vnto the ends of the land.

9 They that dwell in ye wildernes, shall knele before him, and his enemies shall licke the dust.

10 The Kings of Tarshish & of the yles shal bring presentes: the Kings of Sheba and Seba shal bring giftes.

11 Yea, all Kings shal worship him: all nations shal serue him.

12 For he shal deliuer the poore when he cryeth: the nedie also, and him that hathe no helper.

13 He shalbe merciful to the poore and nedie, and shal preserue the soules of the poore.

14 He shal redeme their soules from deceit and violence, and deare shal their blood be in his sight.

15 Yea, he shal liue, and vnto him shal they giue of the golde of Sheba: they shal also pray for him continually, *and* daily blesse him.

16 An handful of corne shalbe *sowen* in the earth, *euen* in the top of the mountaines, *and* the frute thereof shal shake like *the trees* of Lebanon: and the *children* shal flourish out of the citie like the grasse of the earth.

17 His name shalbe for euer: his name shal indure as long as the sunne: all nations shal blesse him, and be blessed in him.

18 Blessed *be* the Lord God, *euen* the God of Israel, which onely doeth wonderous things.

19 And blessed *be* his glorious Name for euer: and let all the earth be filled with his glorie. So be it, *euen* so be it.

HERE END THE praiers of Daud, the sonne of Ishai.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Numbers 12

C H A P. X I I.

Afterward Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses, because of the woman of Ethiopia whome he had married (for he had

married a woman of Ethiopia)

2 And they said, What? hathe the Lorde spoken but onely by Moses? hathe he not spoken also by vs? and the Lord heard *this*.

3 (But Moses *was* a very meke man, aboute all the men that were vpon the earth)

4 And by and by the Lord said vnto Moses, & vnto Aaron, & vnto Miriam, Come out ye three vnto the Tabernacle of the Congregation: and they thre came forthe.

5 Then the Lord came downe in the pillar of the cloude, and stode in the dore of the Tabernacle, & called Aaron and Miriam, and they bothe came forthe.

6 And he said, Heare now my wordes, If there be a Prophet of the Lord among you, I wil be knowen to him by a vision, & will speake vnto him by dreame.

7 My seruant Moses *is* not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

8 Vnto him wil I speake mouth to mouth, and by vision, & not in darke wordes, but he shal se the similitude of the Lord. wherefore then were ye not afraied to speake against my seruant, *euen* against Moses?

9 Thus the Lord was very angry with them, and departed.

10 Also the cloude departed from the Tabernacle: & beholde, Miriam *was* leprous like snowe: and Aaron loked vpon Miriam, and beholde, *she was* leprous.

11 Then Aaron said vnto Moses, Alas, my Lord, I besech thee, lay not the sinne vpon vs, which we haue foolishly committed & wherein we haue sinned.

12 Let her not, I pray thee, be as one dead, of whome the flesh is halfe consumed, when he commeth out of his mothers wombe.

13 Then Moses cryed vnto the Lord, saying, O God, I besech thee, heale her now.

14 ¶ And the Lord said vnto Moses, If her father had spit in her face, shulde she not haue bene ashamed seuen dayes? let her be shut out of the hoste seuen dayes, & after she shal be receiued.

15 So Miriam was shut out of the hoste seuen dayes, and the people remoued not, til Miriam was brought in againe.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Mark 13

C H A P. XIII.

And as he went out of the Temple, one of his disciples said vnto him, Master, se what stones, and what buyldings *are here*.

2 Then Iesus answered and said vnto him, Seest thou these great buyldings? There shal not be left one stone vpon a stone, that shal not be throwen downe.

3 And as he sate on the mount of oliues, ouer against the Temple, Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and Andrew asked him secretly,

4 Tel vs, when shal these things be? & what *shalbe* the signe when all these things shalbe fulfilled?

5 And Iesus answered them, and began to say, Take hede lest any man deceiue you.

6 For many shal come in my Name, saying, I am *Christ*, and shal deceiue many.

7 Furthermore when ye shal heare, of warres and rumors of warres, be ye not troubled: for *suche things* must nedes be: but the end *shal not be* yet.

8 For nacion shal rise against nacion, and kingdome against kingdome, and there shalbe earthquakes in diuers quarters, and there shalbe famine and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorowes.

9 But take ye hede to your selues: for they shal deliuer you vp to the Councils, and to the Synagogues: ye shalbe beaten, and brought before rulers and Kings for my sake for a testimonial vnto them.

10 And the Gospel must first be published among all nacions.

11 But when they lead you, and deliuer you vp, take ye no thocht afore, nether premeditate what ye shal say: but whatsoever is giuen you at the same time, that speake: for it is not ye that speake, but the holie Gost.

12 Yea, and the brother shal deliuer the brother to death, and the father the sonne, and the children shal rise against their parents, and shal cause them to dye.

13 And ye shalbe hated of all men for my Names sake: but whosoever shal endure vnto the end, he shalbe saued.

14 Moreouer, when ye shal se the abomination of desolation (spoken of by Daniel the Prophet) standing where it oght not, (let him that readeth, consider it) then let them *that be* in Iudea, flee into the mountaines,

15 And let him that is vpon the house, not come downe into the house, nether entre therein, to fetch any thing out of his house.

16 And let him that is in the field, not turne backe againe vnto the things which he left behinde him, to take his clothes.

17 Then wo *shalbe* to them that are with childe, and to them that giue sucke in those dayes.

18 Pray therefore that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For there shalbe in those dayes suche tribulation, as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created vnto this time, nether shalbe.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those dayes, no flesh shulde be saued: but for the elects sake, which he hathe chosen, he hathe shortened thoses dayes.

21 Then if any man say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or, lo, *he is* there, beleue it not.

22 For false Christes shal rise, and false Prophetes, & shal shewe signes and wonders, to deceiue if it were possible the very elect.

23 But take ye hede: beholde, I haue shewed you all things before.

24 ¶ Moreouer in those dayes, after that tribulation, the sunne shal waxe darke, & the moone shal not giue her light,

25 And the starres of heauen shal fall: and the powers which are in heauen, shal shake.

26 And then shal they se the Sonne of man coming in the cloudes, with great power and glorie.

27 And he shal then send his Angels, and shal gather together his elect from the foure windes, & from the vtmost parte of the earth to the vtmost parte of heauen.

28 Nowe learne a parable of the figge tre. When her bough is yet tender, & it bringeth forthe leaues, ye knowe that sommer *is* nere.

29 So in like maner, when ye se these things come to passe, knowe that *the kingdome of God* is nere, *euen* at the dores.

30 Verely I say vnto you, that this generacion shal not passe, til all these things be done.

31 Heauen and earth shal passe away, but my wordes shal not passe away.

32 But of that day and houre knoweth no man, no, not the Angels which are in heauen, nether the Sonne him self, saue the Father.

33 Take hede: watche, & pray: for ye knowe not when the time is.

34 *For the Sonne of man is* as a man going into a strange cuntry, & leaueth his house, & giueth autoritie to his seruants, and to euerie man his worke, and commandeth the porter to watch.

35 Watch therefore, (for ye knowe not when the Master of the house wil come, at euen, or at midnight, at the cocke crowing, or in the dauning)

36 Lest if he come suddenly, he shulde finde you sleping.

37 And those things that I say vnto you, I say vnto all men, Watch.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 73-74

P S A L. L X X I I I.

¶ *A Psalme committed to Asaph.*

YEt God is good to Israel: *euen*, to the pure in heart.

2 As for me, my fete were almost gone: my steps had welnere slipt.

3 For I freated at the foolish, *when* I sawe the prosperitie of the wicked.

4 For there are no bandes in their death, but they are lustie & strong.

5 They are not in trouble *as other* men, nether are they plagued with *other* men.

6 Therefore pride *is* as a chaine vnto them, & crueltie couereth them *as* a garment.

7 Their eyes stande out for fatnes: they haue more then heart can wish.

8 They are licencious, and speake wickedly of *their* oppression: thei talke presumptuously.

9 They set their mouth against heauen, & their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people turne hither: for waters of a ful *cup* are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doeth God know it? or is there knowledge
in the moste High?

12 Lo, these are the wicked, yet prosper thei alway, & increase in
riches.

13 Certainely I haue clensed mine heart in vaine, and washed
mine hands in innocencie.

14 For daily haue I bene punished, and chastened *euerie* morning.

15 If I say, I wil iudge thus, beholde the generacion of thy
children: I haue trespaced.

16 Then thocht I to knowe this, *but* it was to peineful for me,

17 Vntil I went into the Sanctuarie of God: *then* vnderstode I their
end.

18 Surely thou hast set them in slipperie places, *and* castest them
downe into desolation.

19 How suddenly are they destroyed, perished and horribly
consumed,

20 As a dreame when one awaketh! ô Lord, when thou raisest vs
vp, thou shalt make their image despised.

21 Certainely mine heart was vexed, & I was pricked in my
reines:

22 So foolish was I and ignorant: I was a beast before thee.

23 Yet I was alway with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right
hand.

24 Thou wilt guide me by thy counsel, & afterwarde receiue me
to glorie.

25 Whom haue I in heauen *but thee?* and I haue desired none in
the earth with thee.

26 My flesh faileth and mine heart *also: but* God *is* the strength of
mine heart, and my porcion for euer.

27 For lo, they that withdrawe them selues from thee, shal perish:
thou destroyest all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 As for me, it is good for me to draw neere to God: *therefore* I haue put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy workes.

PSAL. LXXIIII.

¶ A Psalme to giue instruction, committed to Asaph.

O God, why hast thou put vs away for euer? *why* is thy wrath kindled against the shepe of thy pasture?

2 Thinke vpon thy Congregation, *which* thou hast possessed of olde, & on the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redemed, & on this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift vp thy strokes, that thou maiest for euer destroye euerieemie that doeth euil to the Sanctuarie.

4 Thine aduersaries roare in the middes of thy Congregation, & set vp their banners for signes.

5 *He that lifted* the axes vpon the thicke trees, was renoumed, as one, that broght a thing to perfection:

6 But now they breake downe the carued worke thereof with axes and hammers.

7 They haue cast thy Sanctuarie into the fire, & *raised it* to the ground, *and* haue defiled the dwelling place of thy Name.

8 They said in their hearts, Let vs destroye them altogether: they haue burnt all the Synagogues of God in the land.

9 We se not our signes: there is not one Prophet more, nor anie with vs that knoweth how long.

10 O God, howe long shal the aduersarie reproche *thee*? shal theemie blaspheme thy Name for euer?

11 Why withdrawest thou thine hand, euen thy right hand? *drawe it* out of thy bosome, & consume them.

12 Euen God *is* my King of olde, working saluacion in the middes of the earth.

- 13 Thou didest diuide the Sea by thy power: thou brakest the heades of the dragons in the waters.
- 14 Thou brakest the head of Liuiathan in pieces, *and* gauest him to be meat for the people in wildernes.
- 15 Thou brakest vp the fountaine and riuer: thou dryedst vp mightie riuers.
- 16 The daye is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sunne.
- 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made somer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, *that* the enimie hathe reproched the Lord, and the foolish people hathe blasphemed thy Name.
- 19 Giue not the soule of thy turtle dooue vnto the beast, & forget not the Congregation of thy poore for euer.
- 20 Consider *thy* couenant: for the darke places of the earth are full of the habitacions of the cruel.
- 21 Oh let not the oppressed returne ashamed, *but* let the poore & needie praise thy Name.
- 22 Arise, ô God: mainteine thine owne cause: remember thy dailie reproche by the foolish man.
- 23 Forget not the voyce of thine enemies: *for* the tumult of them, that rise against thee, ascendeth continually.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Numbers 13

C H A P. X I I I.

THen afterward the people remoued from Hazeroth, & pitched in the wildernes of Paran.

- 2 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

3 Send thou men out to search the land of Canaan which I giue vnto the children of Israel: of euerie tribe of their fathers shal ye send a man, *such as are* all rulers among them.

4 Then Moses sent them out of the wildernes of Paran at the commandement of the Lord: all those men were heades of the children of Israel.

5 Also their names are these: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the sonne of Zaccur:

6 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the sonne of Hori:

7 Of the tribe of Iudah, Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh:

8 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the sonne of Ioseph:

9 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the sonne of Nun:

10 Of the tribe of Beniamin, Palti the sonne of Raphu:

11 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the sonne of Sodi:

12 Of the tribe of Ioseph, *to wit*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the sonne of Susi:

13 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the sonne of Gemalli:

14 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the sonne of Michael:

15 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the sonne of Vophsi:

16 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the sonne of Machi.

17 These are the names of the men, which Moses sent to spie out the lande: and Moses called the name of Oshea the sonne of Nun, Iehoshua.

18 So Moses sent them to spie out the land of Canaan, and said vnto them, Go vp this way toward the South, and go vp into the moutaines,

19 And consider the land what it is, and the people that dwel therein, whether they be strong or weake, either fewe or many,

20 Also what the lande is that they dwel in, whether it be good or bad: and what cities *they be*, that they dwel in, whether they dwel in tentes, or in walled townes:

21 And what the land *is*: whether it be fat or leane, whether there be trees therein, or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the frute of the land (for then *was* the time of the first ripe grapes)

22 So they went vp, & searched out the land, from the wildernes of Zin vnto Rehob, to go to Hamath,

23 And thei ascended toward the South, and came vnto Hebron, where were Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the sonnes of Anak. And Hebron was buylt seuen yere before Zoan in Egypt.

24 Then they came to the riuier of Eshcol, and cut downe thence a branch with one clustre of grapes, and they bare it vpon a barre betwene two, and broght of the pomegranates and of the figges.

25 That place was called the riuier Eshcol because of the clustre of grapes, which the children of Israel cut downe thence.

26 Then after fourty daies, they turned againe from searching of the land.

27 And they went and came to Moses and to Aaron & vnto all the Congregation of the children of Israel, in the wildernes of Paran, to Kadesh, and broght to them, and to all the Congregation tidings, and shewed them the frute of the land.

28 And they tolde him, and said, We came vnto the land whether thou hast sent vs, & surely it floweth with milke and honie: and here is of the frute of it.

29 Neuertheles the people be strong that dwel in the land, and the cities *are* walled and exceding great: and moreouer, we sawe the sonnes of Anak there.

30 The Amalekites dwell in the Southecountrey, and the Hittites, and the Iebusites, & the Amorites dwel in the mountaines, and the Canaanites dwel by the Sea, & by the coste of Iorden.

31 Then Caleb stilled the people before Moses, & said, Let vs go vp at once, and possesse it: for vndoubtedly we shal ouercome it.

32 But the men, that went vp with him, said, we be not able to goe vp against the people: for they are stronger then we.

33 So they broght vp an euil reporte of the land which they had searched for the children of Israel, saying, The lande which we haue gone through to searche it out, is a land that eateth vp the inhabitants thereof: for all the people that we sawe in it, are men of great stature.

34 For there we sawe gyantes, the sonnes of Anak, *which come* of the gyantes, so that we seemed in our sight like greshoppers: and so we were in their sight.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9

C H A P. I X.

FOr as touching the ministring to the Saintes, it is superfluous for me to write vnto you.

2 For I knowe your readines of minde, whereof I boast my self of you vnto them of Macedonia, & *say*, that Achaia was prepared a yere ago, and your zeale hathe prouoked manie.

3 Now haue I sent the brethren, lest our reioycing ouer you shulde be in vaine in this behalfe, that ye (as I haue said) be readie:

4 Lest if thei of Macedonia come with me, and finde you vnprepared, we (I nede not to say, you) shulde be ashamed in this my constant boasting.

5 Wherefore, I thoght it necessarie to exhorte the brethren to come before vnto you, and to finish your beneuolence appointed afore, that it might be readie, *and come* as of beneuolence, and not as of sparing.

6 This yet *remember*, that he which soweth sparingly, shal reape also sparingly, and he that soweth liberally, shal reape also liberally.

- 7 As euerie man wisheth in his heart, *so let him giue*, not grudgingly, or of necessitie: for God loueth a chereful giuer.
- 8 And God is able to make all grace to abound towarde you, that ye alwaies hauing all sufficiencie in all thinges, may abounde in euerie good worke,
- 9 (As it is written, He hathe sparsed abroad and hathe giuen to the poore: his beneuolence remaineth for euer.
- 10 Also he that findeth seede to the sower, will minister likewise bread for foode, and multiplie your sede, and increase the frutes of your beneuolence,
- 11 That on all partes ye may be made riche vnto all liberalitie, which causeth through vs thankesgiuing vnto God.
- 12 For the ministracion of this seruice not onely supplieth the necessities of the Saintes, but also is abundant by the thankesgiuing of manie vnto God,
- 13 (Which by the experimete of this ministracion praise God for your voluntarie submission to the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution to them, and to all men)
- 14 And by their praier for you, desiring after you greatly, for the abundant grace of God in you.
- 15 Thankes therefore *be* vnto God for his vnspeakeable gift.