

## Sonnet 23: Penelope

Thursday, February 14, 1594

Morning Prayer: Psa 75-7; Num 14; Mar 14

Evening Prayer: Psa 78; Num 16; 2Co 10

### *Morning Prayer: Psalm 75-77*

P S A L. L X X V.

¶ *To him that excelleth. Destroye not. A Psalm or song committed to Asaph.*

**W**E wil praise thee, ô God, we wil praise *thee*, for thy Name *is* nere: *therefore* they wil declare thy wonderous workes.

2 When I shal take a conuenient time, I wil iudge righteously.

3 The earth and all the inhabitans thereof are dissolued: *but* I wil establish the pillers of it. Selah.

4 I said vnto the foolish, Be not so foolish, and to the wicked, Lift not vp the horne.

5 Lift not vp your horne on high, nether speake with a stiffe necke.

6 For to come to preferment is nether from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South,

7 But God is the iudge: he maketh low and he maketh hie.

8 For in the hand of the Lord *is* a cup, and the wine is red: it is ful mixt, and he powreth out of the same: surely all the wicked of the earth shal wring out & drinke the dregs thereof.

9 But I wil declare for euer, and sing praises vnto the God of Izaakob.

10 All the hornes of the wicked also wil I breake: *but* the hornes of the righteous shalbe exalted.

P S A L. L X X V I.

¶ *To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalme or song committed to Asaph.*

**G**Od is knowen in Iudah: his Name *is* great in Israel.  
2 For in Shalem is his Tabernacle, and his dwelling in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrowes of the bowe, the shield and the sworde and the battell. Selah.

4 Thou art more bright and puissant, then the mountaines of pray.

5 The stoute hearted are spoiled: they haue slept their slepe, & all the men of strength haue not founde their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, ô God of Iaakob, bothe the chariot and horse are cast a slepe.

7 Thou, *euen* thou art to be feared: and who shal stand in thy sight, when thou art angrie!

8 Thou didest cause *thy* iudgement to be heard from heauen: *therefore* the earth feared and was stil,

9 When thou, ô God, arose to iudgement, to helpe all the meke of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the rage of man shal turne to thy praise: the remnant of the rage shalt thou restraine.

11 Vowe & performe vnto the Lord your God, all *ye* that be rounde about him: let them bring presents vnto him that oght to be feared.

12 He shal cut of the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the Kings of the earth.

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

¶ *For the excellent musician Ieduthun. A Psalme committed to Asaph.*

**M**Y voyce *came* to God, when I cryed: my voyce *came* to God, and he heard me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ranne & ceased not in the night: my soule refused comfort.

3 I did thinke vpon God, & was troubled: I prayed, and my spirit was full of anguish. Selah.

4 Thou kepest mine eyes waking: I was astonished and could not speake.

5 *Then* I considered the daies of olde, *and* the yeres of ancient time.

6 I called to remembrance my song in the night: I communed with mine owne heart, and my spirit searched diligently.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for euer? & will he shewe no more fauour?

8 Is his mercie cleane gone for euer? doeth his promes faile for euer more?

9 Hath God forgotten to be mercifull? hath he shut vp his tender mercies in displeasure? Selah.

10 And I said, This is my death: *yet I remembered* the yeres of the right hand of the most High.

11 I remembered the workes of the Lord: certainly I remembered thy wonders of olde.

12 I did also meditate all thy workes, & did deuise of thine Actes, *saying,*

13 Thy waie, ô God, is in the Sanctuarie: who is so great a God as *our* God!

14 Thou art ye God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy power among the people.

15 Thou hast redeemed thy people with *thine* arme, *euē* the sonnes of Iakob & Ioseph. Selah.

16 The waters sawe thee, ô God: the waters sawe thee, *and* were  
afraied: yea, the depths trembled.

17 The cloudes powred out water: the heauens gaue a sounde:  
yea, thine arrowes went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thundre was round about: the lightnings  
lightened the worlde: the earth trembled and shoke.

19 Thy waie *is* in the Sea, and thy paths in the great waters, and  
thy fotesteps are not knowen.

20 Thou didest leade thy people like shepe by the hand of Moses  
and Aaron.

### ***Morning Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Numbers 14***

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

**T**hen all the Congregacion lifted vp their voice, and cryed:  
and the people wept that night,

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and  
Aaron: and the whole assemblie said vnto them, Wolde God we  
had dyed in the land of Egypt, or in this wildernes: wolde God we  
were dead.

3 Wherefore now hathe the Lord brought vs into this land to fall  
vpon the sworde? our wiues, and our children shal be a praye: were  
it not better for vs to returne into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let vs make a captaine and  
returne into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fel on their faces before all the  
assemblie of the Congregacion of the children of Israel.

6 And Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and Caleb the sonne of  
Iephunneh *two* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes,

7 And spake vnto all the assemblie of the children of Israel, saying, The land which we walked through to search it, is a very good land.

8 If the Lord loue vs, he will bring vs into this land, and giue it vs, which is a land that floweth with milke and honie.

9 But rebel not ye against the Lord, neither feare ye the people of the land: for they are but bread for vs: their shielde is departed from them, and the Lord is with vs, feare them not.

10 And all the multitude said, Stone them with stones: but the glorie of the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, before all the children of Israel.

11 And the Lord said vnto Moses, How long wil this people prouoke me, and howe long wil it be, yer they beleue me, for all the signes which I haue shewed among them?

12 I wil smite them with the pestilence and destroy them, and wil make thee a greater nacion and mightier then they.

13 But Moses said vnto the Lord, When the Egyptians shal heare it, (for thou broghest this people by thy power from among them)

14 Then they shall say to the inhabitants of this land, (*for* they haue heard that thou, Lord, art among this people, & that thou, Lord, art sene face to face, and that thy cloude standeth ouer them, and that thou goest before them by day time in a piller of a cloude, and in a piller of fire by night)

15 That thou wilt kil this people as one man: so the heathen which haue heard the fame of thee, shal thus say,

16 Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land, which he sware vnto them, therefore hathe he slaine them in the wildernes.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The Lord is slowe to angre, and of great mercie, and forgiuing iniquitie, and sinne, but not making *the wicked* innocent, & visiting the wickednes of the fathers vpon the children, in the third and fourth *generacion*:

19 Be merciful, I besech thee, vnto the iniquitie of this people, according to thy great mercy, and as thou hast forgiuen this people from Egypt, euen vntil now.

20 And the Lord said, I haue forgiuen it, according to thy request.

21 Notwithstanding, as I liue, all the earth shalbe filled with the glorie of the Lord.

22 For all those men which haue sene my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and in the wildernes, & haue tempted me this ten times, and haue not obeied my voyce,

23 Certeinly thei shal not se the lande, whereof I sware vnto their fathers: nether shall anie that prouoke me, se it.

24 But my seruant Caleb, because he had another spirit, & hathe folowed me stil, euen him will I bring into the land, whether he went, and his sede shal inherit it.

25 Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites remaine in the valley: *wherefore* turne backe tomorowe, and get you into the wildernes, by the way of the red Sea.

26 ¶ After, the Lord spake vnto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

27 How long *shal I suffre* this wicked multitude to murmure against me? I haue heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmure against me.

28 Tell them, As I liue (saieth the Lord) I wil surely do vnto you, euen as ye haue spoken in mine eares.

29 Your carkeises shal fall in this wildernes, & all you that were counted through all your numbers, from twentie yere olde and aboue, which haue murmured against me,

30 Ye shall not doubtles come into the land, for the which I lifted vp mine hande, to make you dwell therein, saue Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, and Ioshua the sonne of Nun.

31 But your children, (which ye said shulde be a praye) them wil I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye haue refused:

32 But euen your carkeises shall fall in this wildernes,

33 And your children shall wander in the wildernes, fourtie yeres, & shall beare your whoredomes, vntil your carkeises be wasted in the wildernes.

34 After the number of the dayes, in the which ye searched out the land, *euen* fourtie dayes, euerie day for a yere, shall ye beare your iniquitie, for fourtie yeres, & ye shall fele my breache of promise.

35 I the Lord haue said, Certainely I wil do so to all this wicked companie, that are gathered together against me: *for* in this wildernes they shall be consumed, and there they shall dye.

36 And the men which Moses had sent to searche the land (which, when they came againe, made all the people to murmure against him, and broght vp a slander vpon the land)

37 Euen those men that did bring vp that vile slander vpon the land, shall dye by a plague before the Lord.

38 But Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, of those men that went to searche the land, shall liue.

39 Then Moses tolde these sayings vnto all the children of Israel, and the people sorowed greatly.

40 And they rose vp earely in the morning, and gat them vp into the top of the mountaine, saying, Lo, we be ready, to go vp to the place which the Lord hath promised: for we haue sinned.

41 But Moses said, Wherefore transgresse ye thus the commandement of the Lord? it wil not so come wel to passe.

- 42 Goe not vp (for the Lord is not among you) lest ye be ouerthrowen before your enemies.
- 43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shal fall by the sworde: for in as muche as ye are turned awaie from the Lord, the Lord also wil not be with you.
- 44 Yet they presumed obstinatly to go vp to the top of the mountaine: but the Arke of the couenant of the Lord, and Moses departed not out of the campe.
- 45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites, which dwelt in that mountaine, came downe and smote them, and consumed them vnto Hormah.

***Morning Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Mark 14***

CHAP. XIII.

**A**Nd two dayes after followed *the feast of* the Passeouer, and of vnleauened bread: and the hie Priests, & Scribes soght how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

- 2 But they said, Not in the feast *day*, lest there be any tumult among the people.
- 3 And when he was in Bethania in the house of Simon the leper, as he sate at table, there came a woman hauing a boxe of ointment of spikenarde, verie costly, and shee brake the boxe, and powred it on his head.
- 4 Therefore some disdeined among themselues, and said, To what end is this waste of ointment?
- 5 For it might haue bene solde for more then three hundreth pence, & bene giuen vnto the poore, & they grudged against her.
- 6 But Iesus said, Let her alone: why trouble ye her? She hathe wrought a good worke on me.

- 7 For ye haue the poore with you alwayes, and when ye wil ye may do them good, but me ye shal not haue alwayes.
- 8 She hathe done that she colde: she came afore hand to anoint my bodie to the burying.
- 9 Verely I say vnto you, wheresoeuer this Gospel shalbe preached throughout the whole worlde, this also that she hath done, shalbe spoken of in remembrance of her.
- 10 ¶ Then Iudas Iscariot, one of the twelue, went away vnto the high Priests, to betray him vnto them.
- 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, & promised that they wolde giue him money: therefore he sought how he might conueniently betray him.
- 12 ¶ Now the first day of vnleauened bread, when they sacrificed the Passeouer, his disciples said vnto him, Where wilt thou that we go & prepare, that thou maist eat the Passeouer?
- 13 Then he sent forthe two of his disciples, and said vnto them, Go ye into the citie, and there shal a man mete you bearing a pitcher of water: followe him.
- 14 And whithersoever he goeth in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the lodging where I shal eate the Passeouer with my disciples?
- 15 And he wil shewe you an vpper chamber *which is* large, trimmed and prepared: there make it readie for vs.
- 16 So his disciples went forthe, and came to the citie, & founde as he had said vnto them, and made readie the Passeouer.
- 17 ¶ And at euen he came with the twelue.
- 18 And as thei sate at table and did eat, Iesus said, Verely I say vnto you, that one of you shal betray me, which eateth with me.
- 19 Then they began to be sorowful ans to say to him one by one, Is it I? And another, Is it I?

20 And he answered and said vnto them, *It is* one of the twelue that dippeth with me in the platter.

21 Truly the Sonne of man goeth his way, as it is written of him: but wo *be* to that man, by whome the Sonne of man is betrayed: it had bene good for that man, if he had neuer bene borne.

22 And as they did eate, Iesus toke the bread, and when he had giuen thanks, he brake it & gaue it to them, and said, Take, eat, this is my bodie.

23 Also he toke the cup, and when he had giuen thanks, gaue it to them: and they all dranke of it.

24 And he said vnto them, This is my blood of that new Testament, which is shed for manie.

25 Verely I say vnto you, I wil drinke no more of the frute of the vine, vntil that day, that I drinke it new in the kingdome of God.

26 And when they had sung a psalme, they went out to the mount of oliues.

27 ¶ Then Iesus said vnto them, All ye shalbe offended by mee this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, & the shepe shalbe scattered.

28 But after that I am risen, I wil go into Galile before you.

29 And Peter said vnto him, Although all men shulde be offended, yet wolde not I.

30 Then Iesus said vnto him, Verely I say vnto thee, this day, *euen* in this night, before the cocke crowe twice, thou shalt denie me thrise.

31 But he said more earnestly. If I shulde dye with thee, I wil not denie thee: likewise also said they all.

32 ¶ After they came into a place named Gethsemane: then he said to his disciples, Sit ye here, til I haue prayed.

33 And he toke with him Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and he began to be afraied, & in great heauines,

34 And said vnto them, My soule is verie heauie, *euen* vnto the death: tary here and watch.

35 So he went forward a litle, & fel downe on the ground, and praied, that if it were possible, that houre might passe from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible vnto thee: take away this cup from me: neuertheles not that I wil, but that thou wilt, *be done*.

37 Then he came, and founde them sleeping, and said to Peter, Simon, slepest thou? coldest not thou watch one houre?

38 ¶ Watch ye, and pray, that ye entre not into tentacion: the spirit in dede is ready, but the flesh is weake.

39 And againe he went away, and prayed, and spake the same wordes.

40 And he returned, and founde them aslepe againe: for their eies were heauie: nether knewe they what they shulde answer him.

41 And he came the thirde time, and said vnto them, Slepe hence forthe, and take your rest: it is ynough: the houre is come: beholde, the Sonne of man is deliuered into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise vp: let vs go: lo, he that betrayeth me, is at hand.

43 And immediatly while he yet spake, came Iudas that was one of the twelue, and with him a great multitude with swordes and staues from the hie Priests, and Scribes, and Elders.

44 And he that betrayed him, had giuen them a token, saying, Whomsoeuer I shal kisse, he it is: take him & leade him away safely.

45 And assone as he was come, he went straight waye to him, and said, Master, Master, and kissed him.

46 Then they layed their hands on him, & toke him.

47 And one of them that stode by, drewe out a sworde, and smote a seruant of the hie Priest, and cut of his eare.

48 And Iesus answered and said vnto them, Ye become out as vnto a thefe with swordes and with staues to take me.

49 I was daiely with you teaching in the Temple, & ye toke me not: but *this is done* that the Scriptures shulde be fulfilled.

50 Then they all forsoke him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a certeine yong man, clothed in linnen vpon his bare *bodie*, and the yong men caught him.

52 But he left his linnen cloth, and fled from them naked.

53 So thei led Iesus away to the hie Priest, and to him came all the hie Priests, and the Elders, and the Scribes.

54 And Peter followed him a farre of, euen into the hall of the hie Priest, and sate with the seruants, and warmed *him self* at the fyre.

55 And the hie Priests, and all the Council soght for witnes against Iesus, to put him to death, but founde none.

56 For manie bare false witnes against him, but their witnes agreed not together.

57 Then there arose certeine, & bare false witnes against him, saying,

58 We heard him say, I wil destroy this Temple made with hands, & within thre daies I wil buylde another, made without hands.

59 But their witnes yet agreed not together.

60 Then the hie Priest stode vp amongst them, and asked Iesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is the matter that these beare witnes against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Againe the hie Priest asked him, & said vnto him, Art thou Christ the Sonne of the Blessed?

62 And Iesus said, I am *he*, and ye shal se the Sonne of man sit at the right hand of the power of *God*, & come in the cloudes of heauen.

63 Then the hie Priest rent his clothes, and said, What haue we anie more nede of witnesses?

64 Ye haue heard the blasphemie: what thinke ye? And they all condemned him to be worthie of death.

65 And some began to spit at him, and to couer his face, and to beate him with fystes, and to say vnto him, Prophecie. And the sergeants smote him with *their* rods.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the hall, there came one of the maides of the hie Priest.

67 And when she sawe Peter warming *him self*, she loked on him, and said, Thou wast also with Iesus of Nazaret.

68 But he denied it, saying, I knowe him not, nether wot I what thou saiest. Then he went out into the porche, & the cocke crewe.

69 Then a maid sawe him againe, & began to say to them that stode by, This is *one* of them.

70 But he denied it againe: & anone after, they that stode by, said againe to Peter, Surely thou art *one* of them: for thou art of Galile, and thy speache is like.

71 And he began to curse, & sweare, *saying*, I knowe not this man of whom ye speake.

72 Then the seconde time the cocke crewe, and Peter remembred the worde that Iesus had said vnto him, Before the cocke crowe twice, thou shalt denie me thrise, & waying that with him self, he wept.

### ***Evening Prayer: Psalm 78***

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

¶ A Psalme *to giue instruction* comitted to *Asaph*.

**H**Eare my doctrine, ô my people: incline your eares vnto the wordes of my mouth.

2 I wil open my mouth in a parable: I wil declare high sentences of olde.

3 Which we haue heard and knowen, and our fathers haue tolde vs.

4 We wil not hide them from their children, *but* to the generacion to come we wil shewe the praises of the Lord, his power also, and his wonderful workes that he hathe done:

5 How he established a testimonie in Iaakob, and ordeined a Law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they shulde teache their children:

6 That the posteritie might knowe it, *and* the children, which shulde be borne, shulde stand vp, & declare it to their children:

7 That they might set their hope on God, and not forget the workes of God but kepe his commandements:

8 And not to bee as their fathers, a disobedient and rebellious generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful vnto God.

9 The children of Ephraim being armed & shooting with the bowe, turned backe in the day of battel.

10 They kept not the couenant of God, but refused to walke in his Law,

11 And forgate his Actes, and his wonderful workes that he had shewed them.

12 He did maruelous things in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt: *euen* in the field of Zoan.

13 He deuided the Sea, and led them through: he made also the waters to stand as an heape.

14 In the daietime also he led them with a cloude, and all the night with a light of fyer.

15 He claue the rockes in the wildernes, and gaue them drinke as of the great depths.

16 He broght floods also out of the stonie rocke; so that he made the waters to descend like the riuers.

17 Yet they sinned stil against him, and prouoked the Highest in the wildernes,

18 And tempted God in their heartes in requiring meat for their lust.

19 They spake against God also, saying, Can God prepare a table in the wildernes?

20 Behold, he smote the rocke, that the water gushed out, and the streames ouerflowed: can he giue bread also? or prepare flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard and was angrie, and the fyer was kindled in Iaakob, and also wrath came vpon Israel,

22 Because they beleued not in God, and trusted not in his helpe.

23 Yet he had commanded the cloudes aboue, and had opened the dores of heauen,

24 And had rained downe MAN vpon them for to eat, and had giuen them of the wheat of heauen.

25 Man did eat the bread of Angels: he sent them meate ynough.

26 He caused the Eastwinde to passe in the heauen, and through his power he broght in the Southwinde.

27 Hee rained flesh also vpon them as dust, and feathered foule as the sand of the sea.

28 And he made it fall in the middes of their campe *euen* round about their habitations.

29 So thei did eat and were wel filled: for he gaue them their desire.

30 They were not turned from their lust, *but* the meat *was* yet in their mouthes,

31 When the wrath of God came *euen* vpon them, and slew the strongest of them, and smote downe the chosen men in Israel.

32 For all this, thei sinned stil, and beleued not his wonderous workes.

33 Therefore their daies did he consume in vanitie, and their yeres hastily.

34 And when he slewe them, thei soght him & they returned, & soght God early.

35 And they remembred that God *was* their strength, & the moste high God their redemer.

36 But thei flattered him with their mouth and dissembled with him with their tongue.

37 For their heart was not vpriight with him: nether were they faithfull in his couenant.

38 Yet he being merciful forgave *their* iniquitie, and destroyed *them* not, but oft times called backe his angre, and did not stirre vp all his wrath.

39 For he remebred that thei were flesh: *yea*, a winde that passeth and commeth not againe.

40 How oft did they prouoke him in the wildernes? & grieue him in the desert?

41 Yea, they returned, and tempted God, and limited the Holie one of Israel.

42 Thei remebred not his hand, *nor* the day when he deliuered them from the enemie,

43 *Nor* him that set his signes in Egypt, & his wonders in the field of Zoan,

44 And turned their riuers into blood, and their floods, that thei colde not drinke.

45 He sent a swarme of flies among them, which deuoured them, & frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gawe also their frutes vnto the caterpillar, and their labour vnto the grashopper.

47 He destroyed their vines with haile, & their wilde figgetrees  
with the hailestone.

48 He gaue their cattel also to the haile, and their flockes to the  
thunderboltes.

49 He cast vpon them the fiercenes of his angre, indignation and  
wrath, and vexation by the sending out of euil Angels.

50 He made awaie to his angre: he spared not their soule from  
death, *but* gaue their life to the pestilence,

51 And smote all the firstborne in Egypt, *euē* the beginning of  
*their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham.

52 But he made his people to go out like shepe, and led them in  
the wildernes like a flocke.

53 Yea, he caried them out safely, and they feared not, and the  
Sea couered their enemies.

54 And he broght them vnto the borders of his Sanctuarie: *euē* to  
this Mountaine, *which* his right hand purchased.

55 He cast out the heathe also before them, and caus d them to  
fall to the lot of *his* inheritance, and made the tribes of Israel to  
dwell in their tabernacles.

56 Yet they tempted, and prouoked the most high God, and kept  
not his testimonies,

57 But turned backe and delt falsely like their fathers: thei turned  
like a deceitful bowe.

58 And thei prouoked him to angre with their high places, &  
moued him to wrath with their grauen images.

59 God heard *this* and was wroth, & greatly abhorred Israel,

60 So that hee forsoke the habitation of Shilo, *euē* the  
Tabernacle where he dwelt among men,

61 And deliuered his power in to captiuitie, and his beautie into  
the enemies hand.

62 And he gaue vp his people to the sworde, and was angrie with his inheritance.

63 The fyer deuoured their chosen men, and their maides were not praised.

64 Their Priests fell by the sworde, & their widowes lamented not.

65 But the Lord awaked as one out of slepe, *and* as a strong man that after *his* wine cryeth out,

66 And smote his enemies in the hinder *partes*, *and* put them to a perpetual shame.

67 Yet he refused the tabernacle of Ioseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Iudah, & mount Zion which he loued.

69 And he buylt his Sanctuarie as an high *palace*, like the earth, which he stablished for euer.

70 He chose Dauid also his seruant, & toke him from the shepefolds.

71 Euen from behinde the ewes withyong broght he him to fede his people in Iaaakob, and his inheritance in Israel.

72 So he fed them according to the simplicitie of his heart, and guided them by the discretion of his hands.

***Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Numbers 16***

C H A P. X V I.

**N**OW Korah the sonne of Izhar, the sonne of Kohath, the sonne of Leui went apart with Dathan, and Abiram the sonnes of Eliab, & On the sonne of Peleth, the sonnes of Reuben:

2 And they rose vp against Moses, with certeine of the children of Israel, two hundreth and fiftie captaines of the assemblie, famous in the Congregacion, & men of renoume,

3 Who gathered themselues together against Moses, and against Aaron, and said vnto them, *Ye take to muche vpon you, seing all the Congregacion is holy, euerie one of them, and the Lord is among them: wheerfore then lift ye your selues aboute the Congregacion of the Lorde?*

4 But when Moses heard it, he fel vpon his face,

5 And spake to Korah & vnto all his companie, saying, Tomorowe the Lord wil shewe who is his, and who is holy, & who ought to approche nere vnto him: & whome he hathe chosen, he wil cause to come nere to him.

6 This do *therefore*, Take you censers, *bothe* Korah, and all his companie,

7 And put fire therein, and put incens in them before the Lord tomorowe: and the man whome the Lord doeth chose, the same shalbe holy: *ye take to muche vpon you, ye sonnes of Leui.*

8 Againe Moses said vnto Korah, Heare, I pray you, ye sonnes of Leui.

9 Semeth it a small thing vnto you that the God of Israel hathe separated you from the multitude of Israel, to take you neere to him self, to do the seruice of the Tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the Congregacion and to minister vnto them?

10 He hathe also taken thee to him, and all thy brethren the sonnes of Leui with thee, and seke ye the office of the Priest also?

11 For which cause, thou, and all thy companie are gathered together against the Lord: and what is Aaron, that ye murmure against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan, & Abiram the sonnes of Eliab: who answered, We wil not come vp.

13 Is it a small thing that thou hast broght vs out of a land that floweth with milke and hony, to kil vs in the wildernes, except thou make thy self Lord and ruler ouer vs also?

14 Also thou hast not broght vs vnto a land that floweth with milke and honie, nether giuen vs inheritance of fieldes and vineyardes: wilt thou put out the eies of these men? we wil not come vp.

15 Then Moses waxed verie angry, & said vnto the Lord, Loke not vnto their offering: I haue not taken so muche as an asse from them, nether haue I hurte anie of them.

16 And Moses said vnto Korah, Be thou & all thy companie before the Lord: *bothe* thou, thei, and Aaron tomorowe:

17 And take euerie man his censor, and put incens in them, and bring ye euerie man his censor before the Lord, two hundreth and fiftie censors: thou also and Aaron, euerie one his censor.

18 So thei toke euerie man his censor, and put fire in them, and laied incens thereon, and stode in the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion with Moses & Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the multitude against them vnto the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: then the glorie of the Lord appeared vnto all the Congregacion.

20 And the Lorde spake vnto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

21 Separate your selues from among this Cogregacion, that I may consume them atonce.

22 And thei fel vpon their faces and said, O God the God of the spirits, of all flesh, hathe not one man *onely* sinned, and wilt thou be wroth with all the Congregacion?

23 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

24 Speake vnto the Congregacion & say, Get you away from about the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

25 Then Moses rose vp, & went vnto Dathan and Abiram, and the Elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake vnto the Congregacion, saying, Departe, I pray you, from the tentes of these wicked men, and touche nothing of theirs, lest ye perish in all their sinnes.

27 So thei gate them away from the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram on euerie side: and Dathan, & Abiram came out & stood in the dore of their tentes with their wiues, and their sonnes, & their litle children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shal knowe that the Lord hathe sent me to do all these workes: for *I haue not done them* of mine owne minde.

29 If these men dye the commune death of all men, or if thei be visited after the visitacion of all men, the Lord hathe not sent me.

30 But if the Lord make a newe thing, & the earth open her mouth, & swalowe them vp with all that thei haue, & thei go downe quicke into the pit, then ye shal vnderstand that these men haue prouoked the Lord.

31 ¶ And as sone as he had made an end of speaking all these wordes, euen the ground claue a sunder that was vnder them,

32 And the earth opened her mouthe, and swallowed them vp, with their families, & all the men that were with Korah, and all their goods.

33 So thei & all that thei had, went down alieue into the pit, & the earth couered them: so thei perished from among the Congregacion.

34 And all Israel that were about them, fled at the crye of them: for thei said, *Let vs flee*, lest the earth swalowe vs vp.

35 But there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundreth and fiftie men that offred the incens.

36 And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

37 Speake vnto Eleazar, the sonne of Aaron the Priest, that he take vp the censers out of the burning, and skater the fire beyond the altar: for thei are halowed,

38 The censers, *I say*, of these sinners, *that destroyed* them selues: and let them make of them broad plates for a couering of the Altar: for they offred them before the Lorde, therefore thei shalbe holy, and thei shalbe a signe vnto the children of Israel.

39 Then Eleazar the Priest tooke the brasen censers, which thei, that were burnt, had offred, and made broad plates of them for a couering of the Altar.

40 *It is* a remembrance vnto the children of Israel, that no stranger which is not of the sede of Aaron, come nere to offer incens before the Lord, that he be not like Korah & his companie, as the Lord said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ¶ But on the morowe all the multitude of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye haue killed the people of the Lord.

42 And when the Congregacion was gathered against Moses & against Aaron, then thei turned their faces toward the Tabernacle of the Congregacion: & beholde, the cloude couered it, & the glorie of the Lord appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron were come before the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

44 ¶ And the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,

45 Get you vp from among this Congregacion: for I wil consume them quickly: then thei fel vpon their faces.

46 And Moses said vnto Aaron, Take the censer and put fire therein of the Altar, & put *therein* incens, & go quickly vnto the Congregacion, & make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord: the plague is begonne.

47 Then Aaron toke as Moses commanded him, and ran into the middes of the Congregation, and beholde, the plague was begonne among the people, & he put in incens, & made an atonement for the people.

48 And when he stode betwene the dead, & them that were alieue, the plague was stayed.

49 So they dyed of this plague fourtene thousand and seuen hundreth, beside them that dyed in the conspiracie of Korah.

50 And Aaron went againe vnto Moses before the dore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, & the plague was stayed.

### ***Evening Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 2 Corinthians 10***

#### C H A P. X.

**N**OW I Paul my self besech you by the mekenes, & gentlenes of Christ, which when I am present among you, *am* base, but am bolde towarde you being absent:

2 And *this* I require you, that I nede not to be bolde when I am present, with that same confidence, wherewith I thinke to be bolde against some, which esteme vs as though we walked according to the flesh.

3 Neuertheles, thogh we walke in the flesh, yet we do not warre after the flesh.

4 (For the weapons of our warrefare are not carnal, but mightie through God, to cast downe holdes)

5 Casting downe the imaginations, and euerie high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captiuitie euerie thought to the obedience of Christ,

6 And hauing ready the vengeance against all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Loke ye on things after the appearance? If anie man trust in him self that he is Christs, let him consider this againe of him self, that as he *is* Christs, euen so *are we* Christs.

8 For thogh I shulde boast somewhat more of our autoritie, which the Lord hathe giuen vs for edification, and not for your destruction, I shuld haue no shame.

9 *This I say* that I may not seme as *it were* to feare you with letters.

10 For the letters, saith he, are sore and strong, but his bodelie presence is weake, and his speache is of no value.

11 Let suche one thinke this, that suche as we are in worde by letters, when we are absent, suche *wil we be* also in dede, when we are present.

12 For we dare not make our selues of the nomber, or to compare our selues to them, which praise them selues: but they vnderstand not that they measure them selues with them selues, & compare them selues with them selues.

13 But we wil not reioyce of things, which are not within *our* measure, but according to the measure of the line, whereof God hathe distributed vnto vs a measure to atteine euen vnto you.

14 For we stretch not our selues beyonde *our* measure, as thogh we had not attained vnto you: for euen to you also haue we come *in preaching* the Gospel of Christ,

15 Not boasting of things which are without *our* measure: *that is*, of other mens labours: and we hope, when your faith shal increase, to be magnified by you according to our line abundantly,

16 And to preache the Gospel in those *regions* which *are* beyonde you: not to reioyce in another mans line, *that is*, in the things that are prepared already.

17 But let him that reioyceth, reioyce in the Lord.

18 For he that praiseth him self, is not allowed, but he whome the Lord praiseth.

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