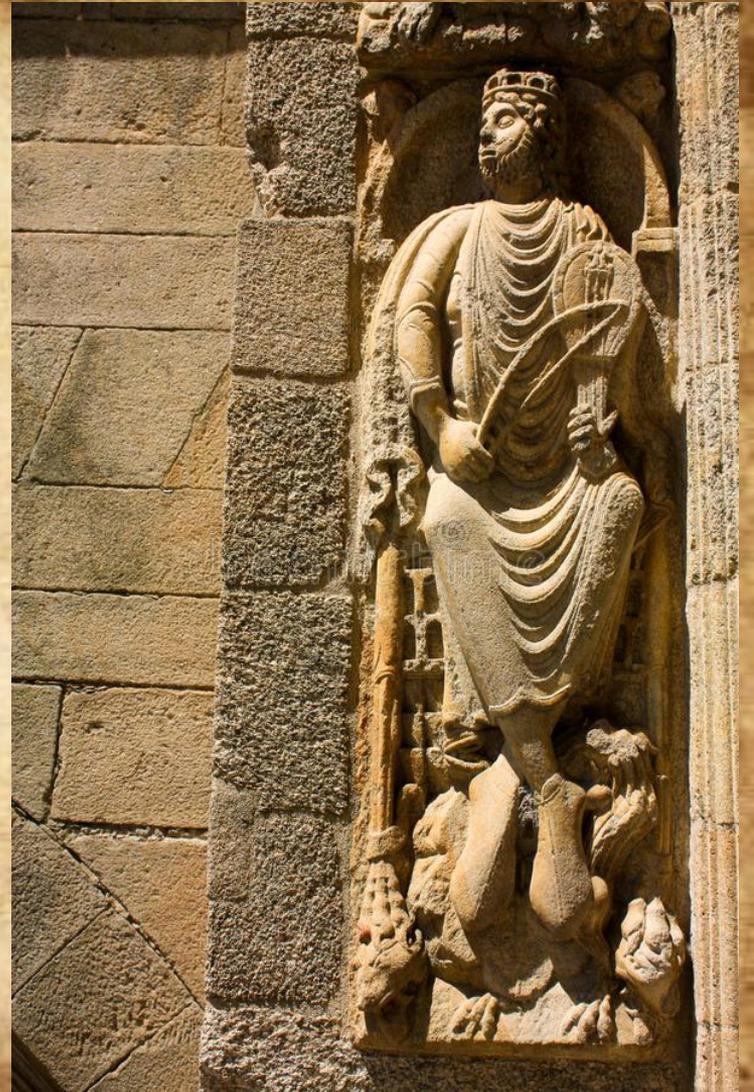


Psalms in Focus: 41-50



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Eighth Day: Evening Prayer

41 *Beatus qui intelligit*

- 1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! *
the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.
- 2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive,
so that they may be happy in the land; *
he does not hand them over to
the will of their enemies.
- 3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed *
and ministers to them in their illness.
- 4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; *
heal me, for I have sinned against you."
- 5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: *
When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; *
their heart collects false rumors;
they go outside and spread them.
- 7 All my enemies whisper together about me *
and devise evil against me.
- 8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; *
he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."
- 9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted,
who broke bread with me, *
has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

41 *Beatus qui intelligit (cont.)*

- 10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, *
and I shall repay them.
- 11 By this I know you are pleased with me, *
that my enemy does not triumph over me.
- 12 In my integrity you hold me fast, *
and shall set me before your face for ever.
- 13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, *
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

BOOK TWO

42 *Quemadmodum*

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the
house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you
from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among
the heights of Hermon.

42 *Quemadmodum (cont.)*

- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 *Judica me, Deus*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;*
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,
To the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you,
O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Ninth Day: Morning Prayer

44 *Deus, auribus*

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God,
our forefathers have told us, *
the deeds you did in their days,
in the days of old.
- 2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out
and planted our forefathers in the land; *
how you destroyed nations and
made your people flourish.
- 3 For they did not take the land by their sword,
nor did their arm win the victory for them; *
but your right hand, your arm, and the
light of your countenance,
because you favored them.
- 4 You are my King and my God; *
you command victories for Jacob.
Through you we pushed back our adversaries; *
through your Name we trampled on those who
rose up against us.
- 6 For I do not rely on my bow, *
and my sword does not give me the victory.
- 7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries *
and put those who hate us to shame.
- 8 Every day we gloried in God, *
and we will praise your Name for ever.

44 *Deus, auribus (cont.)*

- 9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us *
and do not go forth with our armies.
- 10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, *
and our enemies have plundered us.
- 11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten*
and have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You are selling your people for a trifle *
and are making no profit on the sale of them.
- 13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, *
a mockery and derision to those around us.
- 14 You have made us a byword among the nations, *
a laughing-stock among the peoples.
- 15 My humiliation is daily before me, *
and shame has covered my face;
- 16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, *
because of the enemy and avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us; *
yet we have not forgotten you,
nor have we betrayed your covenant.
- 18 Our heart never turned back, *
nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

44 *Deus, auribus (cont.)*

- 19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, *
and covered us over with deep darkness.
- 20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, *
or stretched out our hands to some strange god,
- 21 Will not God find it out? *
for he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; *
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? *
Arise! do not reject us for ever.
- 24 Why have you hidden your face *
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?
- 25 We sink down into the dust; *
our body cleaves to the ground.
- 26 Rise up, and help us, *
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

45 *Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *
in your pride and in your majesty.
- 4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *
and for the sake of justice.
- 5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
- 6 The peoples are falling at your feet, *
and the king's enemies are losing heart.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is
the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with
myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from
ivory palaces makes you glad.

45 *Eructavit cor meum (cont.)*

- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.
- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

46 *Deus noster refugium*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,*
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,*
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown;*
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

46 *Deus noster refugium (cont.)*

- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Ninth Day: Evening Prayer

47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

48 *Magnus Dominus*

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the
hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and
the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to
the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

48 *Magnus Dominus (cont.)*

- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

49 *Audite haec, omnes*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at
 my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put
 their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.

49 *Audite haec, omnes (cont.)*

- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.
- 12 Such is the way of those who
foolishly trust in themselves, *
and the end of those who delight in their own words.
- 13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;
Death is their shepherd; *
they go down straightway to the grave.
- 14 Their form shall waste away, *
and the land of the dead shall be their home.
- 15 But God will ransom my life; *
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.
- 16 Do not be envious when some become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house increases;
- 17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.
- 18 Though they thought highly of themselves
while they lived, *
and were praised for their success,
- 19 They shall join the company of their forebears, *
who will never see the light again.
- 20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, *
are like the beasts that perish.

Tenth Day: Morning Prayer

50 *Deus deorum*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

50 *Deus deorum (cont.)*

- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."
- 16 But to the wicked God says: *
Why do you recite my statutes,
and take my covenant upon your lips;
- 17 Since you refuse discipline, *
and toss my words behind your back?
- 18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend, *
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.

50 *Deus deorum (cont.)*

- 19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
- 20 You are always speaking evil of your brother *
and slandering your own mother's son.
- 21 These things you have done, and I kept still, *
and you thought that I am like you."
- 22 "I have made my accusation; *
I have put my case in order before your eyes.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving
honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show
the salvation of God."