# Sonnet 62: The weary year

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# Epistle: Isaiah 63

## CHAP. LXIII.

W Ho is this that commeth from Edom, with red garments from Bozrah? he is glorious in his apparel and walketh in his great strength: I speake in righteousnes, & am mightie to saue. 2 Wherefore is thine apparel red, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine presse?

3 I haue troden the wine presse alone, and of all people there *was* none with me: for I wil tread them in mine anger, & tread them vnder fote in my wrath, and their blood shalbe sprincled vpon my garmentes, and I wil staine all my raiment.

4 For the daie of vengeance *is* in mine heart, & the yere of my redemed is come.

5 And I loked, & there was none to helpe, & I wondered that there was none to vpholde: therefore mine owne arme helped me, and my wrath it self susteined me.

6 Therefore I wil treade downe the people in my wrath, and make them drunken in mine indignation, & wil bring downe their strength to the earth.

7 I wil remembre the mercies of the Lord & the praises of the Lord according vnto all that the Lord hathe giuen vs, and for the great goodnes towarde the house of Israel, which he hathe giuen them according to his tendre loue, and according to his great mercies.

8 For he said, Surely thei are my people, children that wil not lie: so he was their sauiour.

9 In all their troubles he was troubled, & the Angel of his presence saued them: in his loue and in his mercie he redemed them, and he bare them and caried them alwaies continually.

10 But their rebelled and vexed his holie Spirit: therefore was he turned to be their enemie & he foght against them.

11 Then he remembred the olde time of Moses and his people, saying, Where is he that broght them vp out of the Sea with the shepherd of his shepe? where is he that put his holie Spirit within him?

12 He led them by the right hand of Moses with his owne glorious arme, deuiding the water before them, to make him self an euerlasting Name.

13 He led them through the depe, as an horse in the wildernes, that thei shulde not stomble,

14 As the beast goeth downe into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gaue them rest: so didest thou lead thy people, to make thy self a glorious Name.

15 Loke downe from heauen, and beholde from the dwelling place of thine holines, & of thy glorie. Where is thy zeale and thy strength, the multitude of thy mercies, & of thy compassions? they are restrained from me.

16 Doutles thou art our Father: thogh Abraham be ignorant of vs, and Israel knowe vs not, *yet* thou, ô Lord, art our Father, *and* our redemer: thy Name *is* for euer.

17 O Lord, why hast thou made vs to erre from thy wayes? *and* hardened our heart from thy feare? Returne for thy seruants sake, *and* for the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thine holines have possessed it, but a litle while: for our aduersaries have troden downe thy Sanctuarie.

19 We have been *as they*, ouer whome thou neuer barest rule, and vpon whom thy Name was not called.

# Gospel: Mark 14

### CHAP. XIIII.

No two dayes after followed *the feast of* the Passeouer, and of vnleauened bread: and the hie Priests, and 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 costlie, and she brake the boxe, and powred it on his head.

4 Therefore some disdeined among them selues, and said, To what end is this waste of ointment?

5 For it might have been solde for more then thre hundreth pence, and bene given vnto the poore, & they grudged against her.

6 But Iesus saide, Let her alone: why trouble ye her? she hathe wroght a good worke on me.

7 For ye have the poore with you alwayes, and when ye will ye may do them good, but me ye shal not have 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 soght 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 for the two of his disciples, and said vnto them,Go ye into the citie, and there shal a man mete you bearing apitcher of water: followe him.

14 And whithersoeuer he goeth in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the lodging where I shal eat 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 for he, 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 and 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 Truely 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 eat, Iesus toke the bread, and when he had giuen thankes, he brake it and gaue it to them, and said, Take, eat, this is my bodie.

23 Also he tooke the cup, and when he had given thankes, gave it to them: and they all dranke of it.

24 And he said vnto them, This is my blood of the 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 me this night: for it is written, I wil 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, Althogh all men shulde be offended at thee, 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 twise, 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 forwarde a litle, & fel downe on the grounde, 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 sleping, and said to Peter, Simon, slepest thou? coldest not thou watch one houre?

38 ¶ Watch ye, and pray, that ye entre not into tentation: the spirite 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 awaye 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 have 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.

But he denied it, saying, I knowe him not, nether wot I whatthou saiest. Then he went out into the porche, & the cocke crewe.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 twise, thou shalt denie me thrise, & waying that with him self, he wept.

# Morning Prayer: Psalms 116-118

#### PSAL. CXVI.

Loue the Lord, because he hathe heard my voice *and* my praiers.

2 For he hathe inclined his eare vnto me, when I did call *vpon him* in my daies.

3 *When* the snares of death compassed me, and the griefs of the graue caught me: *when* I founde trouble and sorowe,

4 Then I called vpon the Name of the Lord, *saying*, I beseche thee, ô Lord, deliuer my soule.

5 The Lord *is* merciful & righteous, and our God *is* ful of compassion.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in miserie and he saued me.

7 Returne vnto thy rest, ô my soule: for ye Lord hathe bene beneficial vnto thee,

8 Because thou hast deliuered my soule from death, mine eies from teares, & my fete from falling.

9 I shal walke before the Lord in the land of the liuing.

10 I beleued, therefore did I speake: for I was sore troubled.

11 I said in my feare, All men are lyers.

12 What shal I rendre vnto the Lord for all his benefites toward me?

13 I wil take the cup of saluacion, and call vpon the Name of the Lord.

14 I will paie my vowes vnto ye Lord, *euen* now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord *is* the death of his Saints.

16 Beholde, Lord: for I am thy seruant, I am thy seruant, & the sonne of thine hand maied: thou hast broken my bonds.

17 I wil offer to thee a sacrifice of praise, & wil call vpon the Name of the Lord.

18 I will paie my vowes vnto the Lord, *euen* now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courtes of the Lords house, *euen* in the middes of thee, ôIerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

### PSAL. CXVII.

A Ll nacions, praise ye the Lord: all ye people, praise him. 2 For his louing kindnes is great toward vs, and the trueth of the Lord *endureth* for euer. Praise ye the Lord.

## PSAL. CXVIII.

**P**Raise ye the Lord, because he is good: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

2 Let Israel now saie, That his mercie *endureth* for euer.

3 Let the house of Aaron now saie, That his mercie *endureth* for euer.

4 Let them, that feare the Lord, now saie, That his mercie *endureth* for euer.

5 I called vpon the Lord in trouble, *and* the Lord heard me, *and set me* at large.

6 The Lord *is* with me: therefore I wil not feare what man can do vnto me.

7 The Lord *is* with me among them that helpe me: therefore shal I se *my desire* vpon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord, then to have confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the Lord, then to have confidence in princes.

10 All nacions have compassed me: but in the Name of the Lord shal I destroie them.

11 Thei have compassed me, yea, they have compassed me: but in the Name of the Lord I shal destroie them.

12 Thei came about me like bees, *but* they were quenched as a fyre of thorns: for in the Name of the Lord I shal destroie them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall . but the Lord hathe holpen me.

14 The Lord is my strength and song: for he hathe bene my deliuerance.

15 Th. voice of ioye and deliuerance *shalbe* in the tabernacles of the righteous, *saying*, The right hand of the Lord hathe done valiantly.

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord hathe done valiantly.

17 I shal not dye, but liue, and declare the workes of the Lord.

18 The Lord hathe chastened me sore, but he hathe not delivered me to death.

19 Open ye vnto me the gates of righteousnes, *that* I maie go in to them, & praise the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shal entre into it.

21 I wil praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and hast bene my deliuerance.

22 The stone, *which* the buylders refused, is the head of the corner.

23 This was the Lord's doing, & it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the daie, *which* the Lord hathe made: let vs reioyce and be glad in it.

25 O Lord, I praie thee, saue now: ô Lord, I praie thee now giue prosperitie.

26 Blessed *be he*, that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord *is* mighty, and hathe giuen vs light: binde the sacrifice with cordes unto the hornes of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I wil praise thee, *euen* my God: therefore I wil exalt thee.

29 Praise ye the Lord, because he is good: for his mercie *endureth* for euer.

### Morning Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Ecclesiastes 2

#### CHAP. II.

Said in mine heart, Go to now, I wil proue thee with ioye: therefore take thou pleasure in pleasant things: & beholde, this also is vanitie.

2 I said of laughter, Thou art mad: and of ioye, What is this that thou doest?

3 I soght in mine heart to giue my self to wine, & to lead mine heart in wisdome, and to take holde of follie, til I might se where is that goodnes of the children of men, which they enioye vnder the sunne: the *whole* nomber of the daies of their life.

4 I have made my great workes: I have buylt me houses: I have planted me vineyards.

5 I have made me gardens and orchardes, and planted in them trees of all frute.

6 I have made me cisternes of water, to watter therewith the woods that growe with trees.

7 I have gotten servants & maids, and had children *borne* in the house: also I had great possession of beues and shepe above all that were before me in Ierusalem.

8 I haue gathered vnto me also siluer and golde, and the chief treasures of Kings & prouinces: I haue prouided me men singers and women singers, and the delites of the sonnes of men, *as* a woman taken captiue, and women taken captiues.

9 And I was great, & increased aboue all that were before me in Ierusalem: also my wisedome remained with me.

10 And what soeuer mine eyes desired, I withhelde it not from them: I withdrew not mine heart from anie ioye: for mine heart reioyced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my trauail.

11 Then I loked on all my workes that mine hands had wroght, and on the trauail that I had labored to do: and beholde, all *is* vanitie and vexacion of the spirit: and there *is* no profite vnder the sunne.

12 ¶ And I turned to beholde wisedome, & madnes and folie: (for who is the man that wil come after the King in things, which men nowe haue done?)

13 Then I sawe that there is profite in wisdome, more then in folie: as the light is more excellent then darkenes.

14 For the wise mans eyes *are* in his head, but the foole walketh in darkenes: yet I knowe also that the same condition falleth to them all.

15 Then I thoght in mine heart, It befalleth vnto me, as it befalleth to the foole. Why therefore doe I then labour to be more wise? And I said in mine heart, that this also is vanitie.

16 For there shalbe no remembrance of the wise, nor of the foole for euer. for that that now is, in the daies to come shal all be forgotten. And how dyeth the wise man, as doeth the foole?

17 Therefore I hated life: for the worke that is wroght vnder the sunne is grieuous vnto me: for all *is* vanitie, & vexation of the spirit.

18 I hated also all my labour, wherein I had trauailed vnder the sunne, which I shal leaue to the man that shalbe after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shalbe wise or foolish? yet shal he haue rule ouer all my labour, wherein I haue trauailed, & wherein I haue shewed my self wise vnder the sunne. This is also vanitie.

20 Therefore I went about to make mine heart abhorre all the labour, wherein I had trauailed vnder the sunne.

21 For there is a man whose trauail is in wisdome, & in knowledge and in equitie: yet to a man that hathe not trauailed herein, shal he giue his portion: this also is vanitie and a great grief.

22 For what hathe man of all his trauail and grief of his heart, wherein he hathe trauailed vnder the sunne?

23 For all his dayes are sorowes, and his trauail grief: his heart also taketh not rest in the night, which also is vanitie. 24 There *is* no profit to man: but that he eat, and drinke, and delite his soule with the profite of his labour. I sawe also this, that it was of the hand of God.

25 For who colde eat, and who colde haste to outward things more then I?

26 Surely to a man that is good in his sight, *God* giueth wisdome, and knowledge, and ioye: but to the sinner he giueth paine, to gather, and to heape to giue to him that is good before God: this is also vanitie, & vexacion of the spirit.

# Morning Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: John 12

#### CHAP. XII.

Then Iesus six dayes before the Passeouer came to Bethania, where Lazarus was, which was dead, whome he had raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper, & Martha serued: but Lazarus was one of them that sate at the table with him.

3 Then toke Mary a pound of ointment of spikenarde very costlie, and anointed Iesus fete, & wipte his fete with her heere, & the house was filled with the sauour of the ointment.

4 Then said one of his disciples, *euen* Iudas Iscariot Simons *sonne*, which shulde betraye him:

5 Why was not this ointment solde for thre hundreth pence, and giuen to the poore?

6 Now he said this, not that he cared for the poore, but because hee was a thefe, and had the bagge, and bare that which was giuen.

7 Then said Iesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying she kept it.

8 For the poore alwayes ye haue with you, but me ye shal not haue alwaies.

9 Then muche people of the Iewes knewe that he was there: and they came, not for Iesus sake onely, but that they might se Lazarus also, whome he had raised from the dead.

10 The hie Priests therefore consulted, that they might put Lazarus to death also,

11 Because that for his sake many of the Iewes went away, and beleued in Iesus.

12 ¶ On the morowe a great multitude that were come to the feast, when they heard that Iesus should come to Ierusalem,

13 Toke branches of palme trees, & went forthe to mete him, and cryed, Hosanna, Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

14 And Iesus founde a yong asse, and sate thereon, as it is written,

15 Feare not, daughter of Sion: beholde, thy Kig cometh sitting on an asses colte.

16 But his disciples vnderstode not these things at the first: but when Iesus was glorified, then remembred they, that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things vnto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him, bare witnes that he called Lazarus out of the graue, and raised him from the dead.

18 Therefore met him the people also, because thei heard that he had done this miracle.

19 And the Pharises said among them selues, Perceiue ye how ye preuaile nothing? Beholde, the worlde goeth after him.

20 ¶ Nowe there were certaine Greekes among them that came vp to worship at the feast.

21 And they came to Philippe, which was of Bethsaida in Galile, and desired him, saying, Syr, we wolde se that Iesus.

22 Philippe came and tolde Andrewe: and againe Andrewe and Philippe tolde Iesus.

23 And Iesus answered them, saying, The houre is come, that the Sonne of man must be glorified.

24 Verely, verely I say vnto you, Except the wheate corne fall into the grounde & dye, it bideth alone: but if it dye, it bringeth forthe muche frute.

25 He that loueth his life, shal lose it, & he that hateth his life in this worlde, shal kepe it vnto life eternal.

26 If anie man serue me, let him followe me: for where I am, there shal also my seruant be: and if anie man serue me, him wil my Father honour.

27 Now is my soule troubled: & what shal I say? Father, saue me from this houre: but therefore came I vnto this houre.

28 Father, glorifie thy Name. Then came there a voyce from heauen, *saying*, I haue bothe glorified it, and wil glorifie it againe.

29 Then said the people that stode by and heard, that it was a thundre: others said, An Angel spake to him.

30 Iesus answered, and said, This voyce came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the iudgement of this worlde: now shal the prince of this worlde be cast out.

32 And I, if I were lift vp from the earth, will drawe all men vnto me.

33 Now this said he, signifying what death he shulde dye.

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the Law, that that the Christ bydeth for euer: and howe saist thou, that the Sonne of man must be lift vp? who is that Sonne of man?

35 Then Iesus said vnto them, Yet a litle while is the light with you: walke while ye haue light, lest the darkenes come vpon you: for he that walketh in the darke, knoweth not whether he goeth. 36 While ye have that light, beleue in the light, that ye may be the children of the light. These things spake Iesus, and departed, & hid him self from them.

37 ¶ And though he had done so manie miracles before them, *yet* beleued they not on him,

38 That the saying of Esaias the Prophete might be fulfilled, that he said, Lord, who beleued our reporte? and to whome is the arme of the Lord reueiled?

39 Therefore colde thei not beleue, because that Esaias saith againe,

40 He hathe blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart, that they shulde not se with *their* eyes, nor vnderstand with *their* heart, and shulde be conuerted, & I shulde heale them.

41 These things said Esaias when he sawe his glorie, and spake of him.

42 Neuertheles euen among the chief rulers, manie beleued in him: but because of the Pharises, they did not confesse him, lest they shulde be *cast* out of the Synagogue.

43 For they loued the praise of men, more then the praise of God.

44 And Iesus cryed, and said, He that beleueth in me, beleueth not in me, but in him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoeuer beleueth in me, shulde not abide in darkenes.

47 And if anie man heare my wordes, and beleue not, I iudge him not: for I came not to iudge the worlde, but to saue the worlde.

48 He that refuseth me, and receiueth not my wordes, hathe one that iudgeth him: the worde that I haue spoken, it shal iudge him in the last day. 49 For I haue not spoken of my self: but the Father, which sent me, he gaue me a commandement what I shulde say, and what I shulde speake.

50 And I knowe that his commandement is life euerlasting: the things therefore that I speake, I speake *them* so as the Father said vnto me.

# **Evening Prayer: Psalm 119.1-32**

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### ALEPH.

B Lessed *are* those that are vpright in *their* waie, & walke in the Lawe of ye Lord.

2 Blessed *are* thei that kepe his testimonies, & seke him with their whole heart.

3 Surely they worke none iniquitie, *that* walke in his waies.

4 Thou hast commanded to kepe thy precepts diligently.

5 Oh that my waies were directed to kepe thy statutes.

6 Then shulde I not be confounded, when I have respect vnto all thy commandements.

7 I wil praise thee with an vpright heart, when I shal learne the iudgements of thy righteousnes.

8 I wil kepe thy statutes: forsake me not ouerlong.

#### BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a yong man redresse his waie? in taking hede *thereto* according to thy worde.

10 With my whole heart haue I soght thee: let me not wander from thy commandements.

11 I have hid thy promes in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, ô Lord: teache me thy statutes.

13 With my lippes haue I declared all the iudgements of thy mouth.

14 I have had as great delite in the waie of thy testimonies, as in all riches.

15 I wil meditate in thy precepts, and consider thy waies.

16 I wil delite in thy statutes, & I wil not forget thy worde.

#### GIMEL.

17 Be benificial vnto thy servant, *that* I maie liue and kepe thy worde.

18 Open mine eies, that I maie se the wonders of thy Law.

19 I am a stranger vpon earth: hide not thy commandements from me.

20 Mine heart breaketh for the desire to thy iudgements alwaie.

21 Thou hast destroied the proude: cursed are they that do erre from thy commandements.

22 Remoue from me shame and contempt: for I haue kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit, & speake against me: *but* thy seruant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Also thy testimonies *are* my delite, & my counselers.

#### DALETH.

25 My soule cleaueth to the dust: quicken me according to thy worde.

26 I have declared my waies, and thou heardest me: teache me thy statutes.

27 Make me to vnderstand the waie of thy precepts, and I wil meditate in thy wonderous workes.

28 My soule melteth for heauines: raise me vp according vnto thy worde.

29 Take from me the waie of lying, and grant me graciously thy Law.

30 I have chosen the waie of truth, & thy iudgements haue I laied *before me*.

31 I have cleaved to thy testimonies, ô Lord: confounde me not.

32 I wil runne the waie of thy commandements, when thou shalt enlarge mine heart.

# Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3

#### CHAP. III.

O all things *there is* an appointed time, and a time to euerie purpose vnder the heauen.

2 A time to be borne, & a time to die: a time to plant, and a time to plucke vp that which is planted.

3 A time to slay, and a time to heale: a time to breake downe, and a time to buylde.

4 A time to weepe, and a time to laugh: a time to mourne, and a time to dance.

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones: a time to embrace, and a time to be farre from embracing.

6 A time to seke, and a time to lose: a time to kepe, and a time to cast away.

7 A time to rent, and a time to sowe: a time to kepe silence, and a time to speake.

8 A time to loue, and a time to hate: a time of warre, and a time of peace.

9 What profite *hathe* he that worketh, of the thing wherein he trauaileth?

10 I have sene the trauail that God hathe given to the sonnes of men to humble them thereby.

11 He hath made euerie thing beautiful in his time: also he hathe set the worlde in their heart, yet can not man finde out the worke that God hath wroght from the beginning euen to the end.

12 I knowe that there is nothing good in them, but to reioyce, & to do good in his life.

13 And also that euerie man eateth and drinketh, and seeth the commoditie of all his labour. this is the gift of God.

14 I knowe that whatsoeuer God shal do, it shalbe for euer: to it can no man adde, and from it can none diminish: for God hath done it, that they shulde feare before him.

15 What is that that hath bene? That is now: and that that shalbe, hathe now bene: for God requireth that which is past.

16 And moreouer I haue sene vnder the sunne the place of iudgement, where *was* wickednes, and the place of iustice where *was* iniquitie.

17 I thoght in mine heart, God wil iudge the iust & the wicked. for time is there for euerie purpose and for euerie worke.

18 I considered in mine heart the state of the children of men that God had purged them: yet to se to, they are in them selues *as* beasts.

19 For the condition of the children of men, and the condition of beastes *are* euen *as* one condition vnto them. As the one dyeth, so dyeth the other. for they haue all one breath, and there is no excellencie of man aboue the beast. for all *is* vanitie.

20 All go to one place, & all was of the dust, and all shal returne to the dust.

21 Who knoweth whether the spirit of man ascende vpward, and the spirit of the beast descend downeward to the earth?

22 Therefore I se that there is nothing better then that a man shulde reioyce in his affaires, because that is his portion. For who shal bring him to se what shalbe after him?

# Evening Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 2 Timothy 3

#### CHAP. III.

This knowe also, that in the last dayes shal come perilous times.

2 For men shalbe louers of their owne selues, couetous, boasters, proud, cursed speakers, disobedient to parents, vnthankeful, vnholie,

3 Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, intemperate, fierce, despicers of them which are good,

4 Traitours, headie, high minded, louers of pleasures more then louers of God,

5 Hauing a shewe of godlines, but haue denied the power thereof: turne away therefore from suche.

6 For of this sorte are they which crepe into houses, and lead captiue simple women laden with sinnes, and led with diuers lustes,

7 *Which women are* euer learning, and are neuer able to come to the acknowledging of the trueth.

8 And as Iannes and Iambres withstode Moses, so do these also resiste the trueth, men of corrupte mindes, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shal preuaile no longer: for their madnes shalbe euident vnto all men, as theirs also was.

10 ¶ But thou hast fully knowen my doctrine, maner of liuing, purpose, faith, long suffering, loue, pacience,

11 Persecutions, & afflictions which came vnto me at Antiochia, at Iconium, and at Lystri, which persecutions I suffered: but from them all the Lord deliuered me. 12 Yea, & all that wil live godly in Christ Iesus, shal suffer persecution.

13 But the euill men and deceiuers, shal waxe worsse and worsse, deceiuing, and being deceiued.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and art persuaded *thereof*, knowing of whome thou hast learned *them*:

15 And that thou hast knowen the holie Scriptures of a childe, which are able to make thee wise vnto saluation, through the faith which is in Christ Iesus.

16 For the whole Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable to teache, to improve, to correct *and* to instructe in righteousnes,

17 That the man of God may be absolute, being made perfite vnto all good workes.

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