

## Sonnet 67: Lyke as a huntsman

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Holy Saturday

Epistle: 1Pe 3.17-22

Gospel: Mat 27.57-66

Morning Prayer: Psa 139-41; Zec 9; Joh 17

Evening Prayer: Psa 142-3; Exo 13; Heb 1

### ***Epistle: 1 Peter 3.17-22***

17 For it *is* better (if the wil of God be so) that ye suffer for wel doing, then for euil doing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffred for sinnes, the iust for the vniust, that he might bring vs to God, and was put to death concerning the flesh, but was quickened by the spirit.

19 By the which he also went, & preached vnto the spirits that were in prison.

20 Which were in time passed disobedient, when once the long suffring of God abode in the daies of Noe, while the arke was preparing, wherein fewe, that is, eight soules were saued in the water.

21 To the which also the figure that now saueth vs, *even* Baptisme *agreeth*, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but in that a good conscience maketh request to God) by the resurrection of Iesus Christ,

22 Which is at the right hand of God, gone into heauen, to whome the Angels, and Powers, and might are subiect.

### ***Gospel: Matthew 27.57-66***

57 ¶ And when the euen was come, there came a riche man of Arimathea, named Ioseph, who had also him self bene Iesus disciple.

58 He went to Pilate, & asked the bodie of Iesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be deliuered.

59 So Ioseph toke the body, and wrapped it in a cleane linnen cloth,

60 And put it in his new tombe, which he had hewen out in a rocke, & rolled a great stone to the dore of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Marie Magdalene, and the other Marie sitting ouer against the sepulchre.

62 ¶ Now the next day that followed the Preparation *of the Sabbath*, the hie Priests and Pharises assembled to Pilate,

63 And said, Sir, we remember that that deceiuer said, while he was yet aliue, Within three dayes I will rise.

64 Commande therefore, that the sepulchre be made sure vntil the thirde day, lest his disciples come by night, & steale him away, and say vnto the people, He is risen from the dead: so shal the last error be worse then the first.

65 Then Pilate said vnto them, Ye haue a watche: go, and make it sure as ye knowe.

66 And they went, and made the sepulchre sure with the watche, and sealed the stone.

### ***Morning Prayer: Psalms 139-141***

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

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalm of Dauid.*

O Lord, thou hast tryed me and knowen *me*.  
2 Thou knowest my sitting & my rising: thou vnderstandest my thought a farreof.  
3 Thou compassest my paths, and my lying downe, and art accustomed to all my waies.  
4 For there is not a worde in my tongue, *but* lo, thou knowest it wholly, ô Lord.  
5 Thou holdest mee strait behinde and before, and laiest thine hand vpon me.  
6 *Thy* knowledge is so wonderful for me: it is so high that I can not *atteine* vnto it.  
7 Whether shal I go from thy Spirit? or whther shal I flee from thy presence?  
8 If I ascend into heauen, thou art there: if I lie downe in hel, thou art there.  
9 Let mee take the wings of the morning, & dwell in the vttermost partes of the sea:  
10 Yet thether shal thine hand lead me, & thy right hand holde me.  
11 If I saie, Yet the darkenes shal hide me, euen the night *shalbe* light about me.  
12 Yea, the darkenes hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the daie: the darkenes and light are bothe alike.  
13 For thou hast possessed my reines: thou hast couered me in my mothers wombe.  
14 I wil praise thee, for I am fearfully & wonderously made: maruelous *are* thy workes, and my soule knoweth it wel.  
15 My bones are not hid from thee, thogh I was made in a secret *place*, and facioned beneth in the earth.

16 Thine eyes did se me, when I was without forme: for in thy boke were all things written, *which* in continuance were facioned, when there was none of them *before*.

17 Howe dere therefore are thy thoghtes vnto me, ô God! how great is the summe of them!

18 If I shulde counte them, thei are mo then the sand: when I wake, I am stil with thee.

19 Oh that thou woldest slay, ô God, the wicked and bloodie men, *to whome I saie*, Departe ye from me:

20 Which speake wickedly of thee, & being thine enemies are lifted vp in vaine.

21 Do not I hate them, ô Lord, that hate thee? and do not I earnestly contend with those that rise vp against thee?

22 I hate them with an vnfained hatred, as they were mine *vtter* enemies.

23 Trye me, ô God, and knowe mine heart: proue me and knowe my thoghts,

24 And consider if there be anie waie of wickednes in me, and lead me in the waie for euer.

P S A L. C X L.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalm of Dauid.*

**D**eliver me, ô Lord, from the euil man: preserue me from the cruel man:

2 Which imagine euil things in *their* heart, & make warre continually.

3 They haue sharpened their tongues like a serpent: adders poyson *is* vnder their lippes. Selah.

4 Kepe me, ô Lord, from the hands of the wicked: preserue me from the cruel man, which purposeth to cause my steppes to slide.

- 5 The proude haue laid a snare for me, & spred a net with cordes in my pathwaie, & set grennes for me. Selah.
- 6 *Therefore* I said vnto the Lord, Thou art my God: heare, ô Lord, the voice of my praiers.
- 7 O Lord God the strength of my saluacion, thou hast couered mine head in the daie of battel.
- 8 Let not the wicked haue his desire, ô Lord: performe not his wicked thought, *lest* thei be proude. Selah.
- 9 *As for* the chief of them, that compasse me about, let the mischief of their owne lippes come vpon them.
- 10 Let coles fall vpon them: let him cast them into the fyre, & into the depe pittes, that thei rise not.
- 11 *For* the backbiters shal not be established vpon the earth: euil shal hunt the cruel man to destruction.
- 12 I knowe that the Lord will auenge the afflicted, & iudge the poore.
- 13 Surely the righteous shal praise thy Name, & the iust shal dwell in thy presence.

P S A L. C X L I.

¶ *A Psalm of Dauid.*

**O** Lord, I call vpon thee: haste thee vnto me: hear my voyce, when I crye vnto thee.

- 2 Let my praier be directed in thy sight *as* incense, & the lifting vp of mine hands *as* an euening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a watche, ô Lord, before my mouth, & kepe the dore of my lippes.
- 4 Incline not mine heart to euil, that I shulde commit wicked workes with men that worke iniquitie: and let me not eat of their delicates.

- 5 Let the righteous smite me: *for that is* a benefite: & let him reprove me, & *it shalbe* a precious oyle, that shal not breake mine head: for within a while I shal euen praie in their miseries.
- 6 When their iudges shalbe cast downe in stonie places, thei shal heare my wordes, for thei are swete.
- 7 Our bones lie scattered at the graues mouth, as he that heweth *wood* or diggeth in the earth.
- 8 But mine eyes loke vnto thee, ô Lord God: in thee is my trust: leaue not my soule destitute.
- 9 Kepe me from the snare, *which* thei haue laid for me, and from the grennes of the workers of iniquitie.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into his nettes together, whiles I escape.

***Morning Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Zechariah 9***

C H A P. I X.

**T**He burden of the worde of the Lord in the land of Hadrach: and Damascus *shalbe* his rest: when the eyes of man, *euen* of all the tribes of Israel *shalbe* toward the Lord.

- 2 And Hamath also shal border thereby: Tyrus *also* and Zidon, thogh they be verie wise.
- 3 For Tyrus did buylde her self a strong holde, and heaped vp siluer as the dust, & golde as the myre of the streates.
- 4 Beholde, the Lord wil spoile her, and he wil smite her power in the sea, & she shalbe deuoured with fyre.
- 5 Ashkelon shal se it, and feare, and Azzah also shalbe verie sorrowful, and Ekron: for her countenance shalbe ashamed, and the King shal perish from Azzah, and Ashkelon shal not be inhabited.
- 6 And the stranger shal dwell in Ashdod, and I wil cut of the pride of the Philistims.

7 And I wil take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominacions from betwene his teeth: but he that remaineth, euen he shalbe for our God, & he shalbe as a prince in Iudah, but Ekron *shalbe* as a Iebusite.

8 And I will campe about mine House against the armie, against him that passeth by, and against him that returneth, and no oppressour shal come vpon them anie more: for now haue I sene with mine eyes.

9 Reioyce greatly, ô daughter Zion: shoute for ioye, ô daughter Ierusalem: beholde, thy King cometh vnto thee: he is iuste & saued, poore and riding vpon an asse, and vpon a colt the fole of an asse.

10 And I wil cut of the charrets from Ephraim, and the horse from Ierusalem: the bowe of the battel shalbe broken, & he shal speake peace vnto the heathen, & his dominion *shalbe* from sea vnto sea, and from the riuier to the end of the land.

11 Thou also *shalt be saued* through the blood of thy couenant. I haue losed thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

12 Turne you to the strong holde, ye prisoners of hope: euen to day do I declare, that I wil render the double vnto thee.

13 For Iudah haue I bent as a bowe for me: Ephraims hand haue I filled, and I haue raised vp thy sonnes, ô Zion, against thy sonnes, ô Grecia, and haue made thee as a gyants sworde.

14 And the Lord shalbe sene ouer them, & his arrowe shal go forthe as the lightning: and the Lord God shal blowe the trumpet, and shal come forthe with the whirlwindes of the South.

15 The Lord of hostes shal defend them, & they shal deuoure them, and subdue them with sling stones, and they shal drinke, & make a noyse as thorowe wine, and they shalbe filled like bowles, & as the hornes of the altar.

16 And the Lord their God shal deliuer them in that day as the flocke of his people: for *they shalbe as* the stones of the crowne lifted vp vpon his land.

17 For how great is his goodnes! and how great is his beautie! corne shal make the yong men chereful, & new wine the maides.

### ***Morning Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: John 17***

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

**T**Hese things spake Iesus, and lift vp his eyes to heauen, & said, Father, the houre is come: glorifie thy Sonne, that thy Sonne also may glorifie thee,

2 As thou hast giuen him power *ouer* all flesh, that he shulde giue eternall life to all them that thou hast giuen him.

3 And this is life eternall, that they knowe thee *to be* the onely verie God, and whome thou hast sent, Iesus Christ.

4 I haue glorified thee on the earth: I haue finished the worke which thou gauest me to do.

5 And now glorifie me, thou Father, with thine owne self, with the glorie which I had with thee before the worlde was.

6 I haue declared thy Name vnto the men which thou gauest me out of the worlde: thine they were, and thou gauest them me, and they haue kept thy worde.

7 Now they knowe that all things whatsoever thou hast giuen me, are of thee.

8 For I haue giuen vnto them the wordes which thou gauest me, and they haue receiued *them*, and haue knowen surely that I came out from thee, and haue beleued that thou hast sent me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the worlde, but for them which thou hast giuen me: for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 And now am I no more in the worlde, but these are in the worlde, & I come to thee. Holie Father, kepe them in thy Name, *euen* them whome thou hast giuen me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

12 While I was with them in the worlde, I kept them in thy Name: those that thou gauest me, haue I kept, and none of them is lost, but the childe of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee, & these things speake I in the worlde, that they might haue my ioye fulfilled in them selues.

14 I haue giuen them thy worde, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the worlde, as I am not of the worlde.

15 I pray not that thou shuldest take them out of the worlde, but that thou kepe them from euil.

16 They are not of the worlde, as I am not of the worlde.

17 Sanctifie them with thy trueth: thy worde is trueth.

18 As thou diddest send me into the worlde, so haue I sent them into the worlde.

19 And for their sakes sanctifie I my self, that they also may be sanctified through the trueth.

20 I pray not for these alone, but for them also which shal beleue in me, through their worde,

21 That they all may be one, as thou, ô Father, *art* in me, and I in thee: *euen* that they may be also one in vs, that the worlde may beleue that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glorie that thou gauest me, I haue giuen them, that they may be one, as we are one,

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, & that the worlde may know, that thou hast sent me, & hast loued them, as thou hast loued me.

24 Father, I wil that they which thou hast giuen me, be with me euen where I am, that they may beholde that my glorie, which thou hast giuen me: for thou louedst me before the fundation of the worlde.

25 O righteous Father, the worlde also hathe not knowen thee, but I haue knowen thee, and these haue knowen, that thou hast sent me.

26 And I haue declared vnto them thy Name, and wil declare it, that the loue wherewith thou hast loued me, may be in them, and I in them.

### ***Evening Prayer: Psalms 142-143***

#### PSAL. CXLII.

¶ A Psalme of Dauid, to giue instruction, & a prayer, when he was in the caue.

**I** Cryed vnto the Lord with my voyce: with my voyce I praied vnto the Lord.

2 I powred out my meditacion before him, & declared mine affliction in his presence.

3 Thogh my spirit was in perplexitie in me, yet thou knewest my path: in the waie, wherein I walked, haue thei prively laied a snare for me.

4 I looked vpon my right hand, & behelde, but there was none that wolde knowe me: all refuge failed me, & none cared for my soule.

5 *Then* cryed I vnto thee, ô Lord, & said, Thou art mine hope, & my porcion in the land of the liuing.

6 Hearken vnto my crye, for I am brought verie lowe: deliuer me from my persecuters, for thei are too strong for me.

7 Bring my soule out of prison, that I maie praise thy Name: *then* shall the righteous come about me, when thou art beneficial vnto me.

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

¶ *A Psalme of David.*

**H**Eare my praier, ô Lord, & hearken vnto my supplicacion:  
Answer me in thy trueth & in thy righteousnes.

2 (And enter not into iudgement with thy seruant: for in thy sight shal none that liueth, be iustified)

3 For the enemie hathe persecuted my soule: he hathe smiten my life downe to the earth: he hathe laied me in the darknes, as they that haue bene dead long ago:

4 And my spirit was in perplexitie in me, & mine heart within me was amased.

5 *Yet* do I remember the time past: I meditate in all thy workes.*yea*, I do meditate in the workes of thine hands.

6 I stretche forthe mine hands vnto thee: my soule desireth after thee, as the thirstie land. Selah.

7 Hear me spedely, ô Lord, *for* my spirit fealeth: hide not thy face from me, els I shalbe like vnto them that go downe into the pit.

8 Let me heare thy loving kindenes in the morning, for in thee is my trust: shewe me the waie, that I shulde walke in, for I lift vp my soule vnto thee.

9 Deliuer me, ô Lord, from mine enemies: *for* I hid me with thee.

10 Teache me to do thy wil, for thou art my God: let thy good Spirit lead me vnto the land of righteousnes.

11 Quicken me, ô Lord, for thy Names sake, & for thy righteousnes bring my soule out of trouble.

12 And for thy mercie slay mine enemies, and destroie all them that oppresse my soule: for I am thy seruant.

## ***Evening Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 13***

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

**A**Nd the Lord spake vnto Moses, saying,  
2 Sanctifie vnto me all the firstborne: that is, euerie one that *first* openeth the wombe among the children of Israel, as wel of man as of beast: *for* it is mine.

3 ¶ Then Moses said vnto the people, Remembre this day in the which ye came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage: for by a mightie hande the Lord broght you out from thence: therefore no leauened bread shalbe eaten.

4 This day come ye out in the moneth of Abib.

5 ¶ Now when the Lord hathe broght thee into the land of the Canaanites, and Hittites, and Amorites, and Hiuites, and Iebusites (which he sware vnto thy fathers, that he wolde giue thee, a land flowing with milke and hony) then thou shalt kepe this seruice in this moneth.

6 Seuen daies shalt thou eat vnleauened bread, & the seuenth day *shalbe* the feast of the Lord.

7 Vnleauened bread shalbe eaten seuen daies, & there shal no leauened bread be sene with thee, nor yet leauen be sene with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ¶ And thou shalt shewe thy sonne in that day, saying, *This is done*, because of that which the Lord did vnto me, when I came out of Egypt.

9 And it shal be a signe vnto thee vpon thine hand, & for a remembrance betwene thine eies, that the Lawe of the Lorde may be in thy mouth: for by a strong hand the Lorde broght thee out of Egypt.

10 Kepe therefore this ordinance in his season appointed from yere to yere.

11 ¶ And when the Lord shal bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware vnto thee and to thy fathers, & shal giue it thee,

12 Then thou shalt set a parte vnto the Lord all that *first* openeth the wombe: also euery thing that *first* doeth open *the wombe*, & commeth forthe of thy beast: the males *shalbe* the Lords.

13 But euerie first fole of an asse, thou shalt redeme with a lambe: and if thou redeme him not, then thou shalt breake his necke: likewise all the first borne of man among thy sonnes shalt thou bye out.

14 ¶ And when thy sonne shal aske thee tomorowe, saying, What is this? thou shalt then say vnto him, With a mightie hand the Lord broght vs out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

15 For when Pharaoh was hard hearted against our departing, the Lord then slewe all the first borne in the land of Egypt: from the firstborne of man euen to the firstborne of beast: therefore I sacrifice vnto the Lord all the males that *first* open the wombe, but all the first borne of my sonnes I redeme.

16 And it shalbe as a token vpon thine hand, & as frontelets betwene thine eies, that the Lord broght vs out of Egypt by a mightie hand.

17 ¶ Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God caried them not by the way of the Philistims countrey, thogh it *were* nerer: (for God said, Lest the people repent when thei se warre, & turne againe to Egypt)

18 But God made the people to go about by the way of the wildernes of the red Sea: and the children of Israel went vp armed out of the land of Egypt.

19 (And Moses toke the bones of Ioseph with him: for he had made the children of Israel sweare, saying, God wil surely visite you, and ye shal take my bones away hence with you)

20 ¶ So thei toke their iourney from Succoth, and camped in Etham in the edge of the wildernes.

21 And the Lord went before them by day in a piller of a cloude to leade them the way, & by night in a piller of fyre to giue them light, that thei might go bothe by day and by night.

22 He toke not away the piller of the cloude by day, nor the piller of fyre by night from before the people.

### ***Evening Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Hebrews 1***

#### C H A P. I.

**A**T sondrie times & in diuers maners God spake in the olde time to *our* fathers by the Prophetes:

2 In these last dayes he hathe spoken vnto vs by his Sonne, whome he hathe made heir of all things, by whome also he made the worldes,

3 Who being the brightnes of the glorie, and the ingraued forme of his persone, & bearing vp all things by his mightie worde, hathe by him self purged our sinnes, and sitteth at the right hand of the maiestie in the highest places,

4 And is made so muche more excellent then the Angels, in as muche as he hathe obtained a more excellent Name then thei.

5 For vnto which of the Angels said he at anie time, Thou art my Sonne, this day begate I thee? and againe, I wil be his Father, and he shalbe my sonne?

6 And againe, when he bringeth in *his* first begotten Sonne into the worlde, he saith, And let all the Angels of God worship him.

- 7 And of the Angels he saith, He maketh the Spirits his messengers, and his ministers a flame of fyre.
- 8 But vnto the Sonne *he saith*, O God, thy throne *is* for euer and euer: the scepter of thy kingdome *is* a scepter of righteousnes.
- 9 Thou hast loued righteousnes and hated iniquitie. Wherefore God, *euen* thy God, hathe anointed thee with the oyle of gladnes aboute thy fellowes.
- 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast established the earth, and the heauens are the workes of thine hands.
- 11 They shal perish, but thou doest remaine: and they all shal waxe olde as doeth a garment.
- 12 And as a vesture shalt thou folde them vp, and they shalbe changed: but thou art the same and thy yeres shal not faile.
- 13 Vnto which also of the Angels said he at anie time, Sit at my right hand, til I make thine enemies thy fote stole?
- 14 Are they not all ministring spirits, sent forthe to minister, for their sakes which shalbe heires of saluation?

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