



Scripture Readings October 11th

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Keep the sabbath day to hallow it as the Lord your God has charged you. Six days you shall work and you shall do your tasks, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. You shall do not task, you and your son and your daughter and your male slave and your slavegirl and your ox and your donkey and all your beasts and your sojourner who is within your gates, so that your male slave and your slavegirl may rest like you. And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm.

Psalms 148

Hallelujah!

In truth all things sing you.

The heights transcendent begin your song.

Heaven, teeming with the life of angels, is a chorus, singing.

The sun, the moon and the vastness of the night sky join the song.

Oceans of stars in infinite space,

heaven upon heaven in dimensions unknown,

add to the music, singing.

Each tongue in the multitude of creation

gives voice to the name of the One

whose word brought it into being.

For your word is the primal note of the song

that is your life and our becoming.

You sing and we exist.

Your note lasts from age to age

and we become stable and sure.

Let everything on earth, then, be a song.

Sing, creatures of the ocean deep.

Sing, you skies of earth!

Let lightning and hail, snow and fog,

Rain and raging storm

be notes in a symphony under the conductor's hand.

Sing mountains and hills,

fruit trees and cedars,

Wild beasts and domestic kind,

creeping things and winged birds,

Rulers of earth and all of its peoples,

kings and queens,

presidents and emperors,

Young men and maidens

old and young alike.

Let us stand together in a chorus of song,

and let the melodies rise from our throats

In praise to the One whose beauty and splendor

fill heaven and earth.

For singing is our strength,

and every creature serves only in song.

And each child of God is invited near,

to the center of the singing forever. Hallelujah!

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.