

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence; *

from him comes my salvation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; *

I shall not be greatly shaken.

³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, *

like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. *

They take pleasure in falsehood.

They bless with their mouths, *

but inwardly they curse.

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, *

for my hope is from him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; *

I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory; *

my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; *

pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; *

those of high estate are a delusion;

in the balances they go up; *

they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; *

set no vain hopes on robbery;

if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

¹¹Once God has spoken; *

twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God, *

¹²**and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.**

For you will render to a man *

according to his work.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:1-10

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ