

Evening Prayer Readings for April 4, 2023: Holy Tuesday

Psalm 94 (BAS p. 831)

- 1 O Lord God of vengeance, *
O God of vengeance, show yourself.
- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; *
give the arrogant their just deserts.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O Lord, *
how long shall the wicked triumph?
- 4 They bluster in their insolence; *
all evildoers are full of boasting.
- 5 They crush your people, O Lord, *
and afflict your chosen nation.
- 6 They murder the widow and the stranger *
and put the orphans to death.
- 7 Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, *
the God of Jacob takes no notice."
- 8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; *
when will you fools understand?
- 9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? *
he that formed the eye, does he not see?
- 10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? *
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?
- 11 The Lord knows our human thoughts; *
how like a puff of wind they are.
- 12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! *
whom you teach out of your law;
- 13 To give them rest in evil days, *
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For the Lord will not abandon his people, *
nor will he forsake his own.
- 15 For judgement will again be just, *
and all the true of heart will follow it.
- 16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? *
who took my part against the evildoers?
- 17 If the Lord had not come to my help, *
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
- 18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," *
your love, O Lord, upheld me.

- 19 When many cares fill my mind, *
your consolations cheer my soul.
- 20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, *
one which frames evil into law?
- 21 They conspire against the life of the just *
and condemn the innocent to death.
- 22 But the Lord has become my stronghold, *
and my God the rock of my trust.
- 23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them
and destroy them in their own malice; *
the Lord our God will destroy them.

Lamentations 1:17-22 (pg. 582 of Red Pew Bible)

Zion stretches out her hands, but there is no one to comfort her; the Lord has commanded against Jacob that his neighbours should become his foes; Jerusalem has become a filthy thing among them.

The Lord is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word; but hear, all you peoples, and behold my suffering; my young women and young men have gone into captivity.

I called to my lovers but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city while seeking food to revive their strength.

See, O Lord, how distressed I am; my stomach churns, my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious. In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death.

They heard how I was groaning, with no one to comfort me. All my enemies heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it. Bring on the day you have announced, and let them be as I am.

Let all their evildoing come before you; and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my groans are many and my heart is faint.

John 12:20-26 (pg. 762 of Red Pew Bible)

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.