

## Psalm 80

### *Qui regis Israel*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

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11 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea \*  
and its branches to the river.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, \*  
look down from heaven;

15 behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your strong hand has planted.

16 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

17 Let your hand be upon the one at your side in honour, \*  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.

18 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Baruch 4:21-29

A reading from the book of Baruch.

“Take courage, my children, cry to God,  
and he will deliver you from the power and hand of the enemy.  
For I have put my hope in the Everlasting to save you,  
and joy has come to me from the Holy One,  
because of the mercy that will soon come to you  
from your everlasting savior.  
For I sent you out with sorrow and weeping,  
but God will give you back to me with joy and gladness forever.  
For as the neighbors of Zion have now seen your capture,  
so they soon will see your salvation by God,  
which will come to you with great glory  
and with the splendor of the Everlasting.  
My children, endure with patience the wrath that has come upon you from  
God.  
Your enemy has overtaken you,  
but you will soon see their destruction  
and will tread upon their necks.  
My pampered children have traveled rough roads;  
they were taken away like a flock carried off by the enemy.

“Take courage, my children, and cry to God,  
for you will be remembered by the one who brought this upon you.  
For just as you were disposed to go astray from God,  
return with tenfold zeal to seek him.  
For the one who brought these calamities upon you  
will bring you everlasting joy with your salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**