

Psalm 82

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**God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

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**"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?**

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**Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;**

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**Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

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**They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

6

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7

**Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"**

8

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Fight the good fight with all thy might

Hymnal 552

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain!'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat!'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

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Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Dear people of God, let us pray.

(Pause)

Leader: Great Creator, hear our prayers for your creation. Renew our awe and appreciation for the world you have made. Make us good stewards. ***Help us cherish the earth, and preserve all life.***

(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of God, hear our prayers for humanity. Turn our wars into peace, our cruelty into compassion, greed into generosity, poverty and oppression into prosperity. ***Grant us the courage and grace to reconcile and restore the human family.***

(Pause)

Leader: Divine Majesty, hear our prayers for this nation. Bless and direct all of our elected officials. Guide your public servants as they struggle with the challenges of these times.

Help us work together for the good of all.

(Pause)

Leader: Merciful Savior, hear our prayers for the victims of human violence and natural disasters; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We commend them to your loving care and ask you to heal their infirmities, return them to your service, and change their sorrow into joy. ***Give us the knowledge, wisdom, and compassion to mend your wounded people.***

(Pause)

Leader: Sovereign Christ, bless forever all who have died and those who are dying now. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms extended in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. ***Confirm our faith and strengthen our hope.***

(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of life, hear our prayers for your Church throughout the world, for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Virginia, our Bishops Shannon Sherwood Johnston, David Colin Jones, and Edwin F. Gulick; and for St. Timothy's. Perfect our faith, ignite our passion to accomplish your good will, make us agents of grace.

Help us spread faith, hope, love, and joy, throughout your world.

(Pause)

Leader: God of abundance and providence, you made us, named us, love us, and bless us beyond all accounting. ***We thank you, and we praise you.***

(Pause)

Leader: Gracious God, all we are and all we have is a gift from you. We offer ourselves to your service. ***Help us honor and serve you, now and always. Amen.***

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.