Psalms for Ember Day in Advent

Psalm 24



Antiphon:

O you who bring good tidings of peace to Jerusalem, lift <u>up your</u> voice with <u>strength</u>!

Say to the cities of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem: See our God is coming, the One whom $\underline{we a}$ -wait- \underline{ed} .

Go up onto a high mountain, you who are bringing the good <u>news to</u> Zi-<u>on</u>.

Lift <u>up your</u> voice with <u>strength</u>.

1 The earth is the Lord's, and <u>all its</u> full-<u>ness</u>, The world and <u>those who</u> dwell there-<u>in</u>.

- 2 For He has founded <u>it up</u>-on the <u>seas</u>, And established it up-<u>on the</u> wa-ters.
- 3 Who may ascend into the <u>hill of</u> the <u>Lord</u>? Or who may stand in His holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands <u>and a</u> pure <u>heart</u>, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor <u>sworn de</u>-ceitful-<u>ly</u>.

5 He shall receive <u>bless-ing</u> from the <u>Lord</u>, And righteousness from the God of <u>his sal</u>-va-<u>tion</u>.

- 6 This is Jacob, the generation of <u>those who</u> seek <u>Him</u>, Who <u>seek Your face</u>.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!

And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of <u>glo-ry</u> shall come <u>in</u>.

8 Who is this <u>King of glo-ry</u>?

The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord might-<u>y in</u> bat-<u>tle</u>.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of <u>glo-ry</u> shall come <u>in</u>.

10 Who is this <u>King of glo-ry</u>?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glo-ry.

Glory be to the <u>Fa-ther</u> and to the <u>Son</u>,

And to the <u>Ho</u>-ly Spir-<u>it</u>.

As it was in <u>the be</u>-gin-<u>ning</u>,

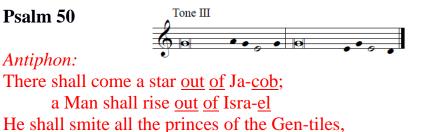
Is now, and will be for-<u>ev</u>-<u>er</u>. A-<u>men</u>.

Antiphon Repeated



Psalm 50

Antiphon:



and all the earth shall be His pos-ses-sion. All kings shall fall down be-fore Him, All na-tions shall serve Him. 1 The Mighty One, God the Lord, Has spo-ken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep si-lent; A fire shall de-vour be-fore Him,

And it shall be very tempestuous all a-round Him.

4 He shall call to the heav-ens from a-bove.

And to the earth, that He may judge His peo-ple:

5 "Gather My saints to-geth-er to Me,

Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacri-fice."

6 Let the heavens de-clare His righteous-ness,

For God Him-self is Judge.

7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testi-fy against you;

I am God, your God!

8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt off'r-ings, Which are continual-ly be-fore Me.

9 I will not take a bull from your house, Nor goats out of your folds.

- 10 For every beast of the for-est is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the birds of the moun-tains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
- 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its full-ness.
- 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God thanks-giv-ing,
- And pay your vows to the Most High. 15 Call upon Me in the day of trou-ble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glo-ri-fy Me."

Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,

And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Antiphon Repeated

Antiphon:

Now the Lord and Ru-ler is com-ing; • 0 And He shall be called Em-man-u-el. His days shall witness the rise of jus-tice and much peace. And He shall be called Em-man-u-el. 16 But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to de-clare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, 17 Seeing you hate in-struc-tion And cast My words be-hind you? 18 When you saw a thief, you con-sen-ted with him, And have been a partaker with a-dulter-ers. 19 You give your mouth to e-vil, And your tongue frames de-ceit. 20 You sit and speak a-gainst your bro-ther; You slander your own mother's son. 21 These things you have done, and I kept si-lent; You thought that I was alto-geth-er like you; But I will re-buke you, And set them in or-der be-fore your eyes. 22 "Now consider this, you who for-get God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to de-liv-er: 23 Whoever offers praise glo-ri-fies Me; And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the sal-vation of God." Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, And to the Ho-ly Spir-it. As it was in the be-gin-ning, Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Antiphon Repeated

Tone IV

Psalm 85



Antiphon: The voice of one crying in the de-sert: Make ready the way of the Lord. Make straight His paths. The angel Gabriel was sent to Ma-ry A Virgin e-spoused to Jo-seph. 1 Lord, You have been favora-ble to Your land; You have brought back the captive-ty of Ja-cob. 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your peo-ple; You have cov-ered all their sin. 3 You have taken a-way all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your an-ger. 4 Restore us, O God of our sal-va-tion, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. 5 Will You be angry with us for-ev-er? Will You prolong Your anger to all gen-er-a-tions? 6 Will You not re-vive us a-gain, That Your people may re-joice in You? 7 Show us Your mercy, Lord, And grant us Your sal-va-tion. 8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints: But let them not turn back to fol-ly. 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and truth have met to-geth-er; Righteous-ness and peace have kissed. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heav-en. 12 Yes, the Lord will give what is good;" And our land will yield its in-crease. 13 Righteousness will go be-fore Him, And shall make His foot-steps our path-way. Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, And to the Ho-ly Spir-it. As it was in the be-gin-ning, Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Antiphon Repeated

Psalm 19



Antiphon: Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Right-eous One; Let the earth be opened, and bring forth the Sa-vior. Behold the maid-ser-vant of the Lord! Let it be to me ac-cord-ing to your word. 1 The heavens declare the glo-ry of God; And the firmament shows His handi-work. 2 Day unto day ut-ters speech, And night unto night re-veals know-ledge. 3 There is no speech nor lan-guage Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his cham-ber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hid-den from its heat. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, con-vert-ing the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the sim-ple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, re-joic-ing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, en-light-en-ing the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, endur-ing for-ev-er; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous al-to-geth-er. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb. 11 Moreover by them Your ser-vant is warned. And in keeping them there is great re-ward. 12 Who can under-stand his er-rors? Cleanse me from secret faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from pre-sumptuous sins; Let them not have do-min-ion over me. Then I shall be blame-less, And I shall be innocent of great trans-gres-sion. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be accep-ta-ble in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Re-deem-er. Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, And to the Ho-ly Spir-it. As it was in the be-gin-ning, Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Antiphon Repeated