

**Mon. Nov 16 – Psalm 9:1-14 –  
God’s Power and Justice – A Psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- <sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- <sup>3</sup> When my enemies turned back,  
they stumbled and perished before you.
- <sup>4</sup> For you have maintained my just cause;  
you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked;  
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- <sup>6</sup> The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins;  
their cities you have rooted out;  
the very memory of them has perished.
- <sup>7</sup> But the Lord sits enthroned forever,  
he has established his throne for judgment.
- <sup>8</sup> He judges the world with righteousness;  
he judges the peoples with equity.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- <sup>10</sup> And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- <sup>11</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.  
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>12</sup> For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;  
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- <sup>13</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord.  
See what I suffer from those who hate me;  
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
- <sup>14</sup> so that I may recount all your praises,  
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,  
rejoice in your deliverance.

## **Tue – Nov 17 – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 –**

### **Final Exhortations, Greetings, and Benediction**

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## **Wed – Nov 18 – Psalm 107:1-10**

### **Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;

<sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;

<sup>7</sup> he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.

<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

<sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

## **Thu – Nov 19 – John 14 – Jesus the Way to the Father**

<sup>1</sup> Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go

to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know<sup>1</sup> my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to

you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

### **Fri – Nov 20 – Romans 15:1-21 – Please Others, Not Yourselfes**

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike**

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

<sup>10</sup> and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

<sup>11</sup> and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly**

<sup>14</sup> I myself feel confident about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. <sup>15</sup> Nevertheless on some points I have written to you rather boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. <sup>18</sup> For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. <sup>20</sup> Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, <sup>21</sup> but as it is written,

"Those who have never been told of him shall see,  
and those who have never heard of him shall understand."

### **Sat – Nov 21 – Psalm 95:1-7 – A Call to Worship and Obedience**

- <sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- <sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.