

Psalm 61

Exaudi, Deus

1 Hear my cry, O God, *
and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; *
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, *
a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; *
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; *
you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; *
let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before you for ever; *
bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your name, *
and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

Psalm 62

Nonne Deo?

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from God comes my salvation.

2 God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, *
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honour; *
lies are their chief delight.
They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse.

5 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in God.

6 God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

7 In God is my safety and my honour, *
my strong rock and my refuge.

8 Put your trust in God always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before the One who is your refuge.

9 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

10 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

12 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay all according to their deeds.

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.

Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with rejoicing, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. The companies of the singers gathered together from the circuit around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites, also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great companies that gave thanks and went in procession. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. They offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. The joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

On that day men were appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the law for the priests and for the Levites from the fields belonging to the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. They performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon. For in the days of David and

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Asaph long ago there was a leader of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers. They set apart that which was for the Levites, and the Levites set apart that which was for the descendants of Aaron.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.