



Readings for Evening Worship
Tuesday 24 August 2021

Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

7 Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,

10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.

15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients,
and is concerned with prophecies;
he preserves the sayings of the famous
and penetrates the subtleties of parables;
he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs
and is at home with the obscurities of parables.
He serves among the great
and appears before rulers;
he travels in foreign lands
and learns what is good and evil in the human lot.
He sets his heart on rising early
to seek the Lord who made him,
and to petition the Most High;
he opens his mouth in prayer
and asks pardon for his sins.

If the great Lord is willing,
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;
he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own
and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.
The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,
as he meditates on his mysteries.
He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.
Many will praise his understanding;
it will never be blotted out.
His memory will not disappear,
and his name will live through all generations.
Nations will speak of his wisdom,
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.