

2024-12-14 Meditation for Saturday in the Second Week of Advent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

Theme song (7th-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe

Psalm 71

Lyrics Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: George John Bennett (1863-1930)

Artists: The Choir of Lincoln Cathedral, Colin Walsh (organ), Aric Prentice (dir.)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5gi_1TNhhM

Deus, in adiutorium

[Full choir]

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, * but
rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me,
and save me.

2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may always resort: * thou hast promised
to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

[Now the two sides of the choir take turns singing verses.]

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the
unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord GOD, art the thing that I long for: * thou art my hope, even
from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: * thou art he that
took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be always of thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many, * but my sure trust is in thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, * that I may sing of thy glory and
honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age; * forsake me not when my strength
faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me; * and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying,

10 God hath forsaken him; * persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

11 Go not far from me, O God; * my God, haste thee to help me.

12 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul; * let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

[Music changes, reflecting the positive change. Both sides sing together.]

13 As for me, I will patiently abide always, * and will praise thee more and more.

14 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; * for I know no end thereof.

15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord GOD, * and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

[Sung by the boys]

16 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; * therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

[Sung in unison by the men.]

17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed, * until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

[The choir's two sides alternate verses.]

18 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done: * O God, who is like unto thee!

19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me ! * and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

20 Thou hast brought me to great honour, * and comforted me on every side:

21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

22 My lips will be fain [glad] when I sing unto thee; * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; * for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

[Both sides sing together]

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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