

2024-12-21 Meditation for Saturday in the Third 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 72

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Artists: The Choir of Lincoln Cathedral, Colin Walsh (organ), Aric Prentice (dir.)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t10DQTMKgA>

Deus, iudicium

[Full choir]

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, * and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, * and defend the poor.

[The two sides of the choir alternate verses]

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

[Full choir]

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, * from one generation to another.

[The two sides of the choir alternate verses]

6 He shall come down like the rain unto a fleece of wool/upon the mown grass, * even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, * and from the flood unto the world's end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; * his enemies shall lick the dust.

[Men in unison]

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; * the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; * all nations shall do him service.

[Boys in unison]

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; * the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy, * and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

[The two sides of the choir alternate verses]

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia; * prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills ; * the fruit shall shake like Lebanon, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities, which shall be blessed in him; * and all the nations shall praise him.

[Full choir]

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, * which only doeth wondrous things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: * and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

[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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