

2025-12-13 Meditation for Saturday in the Second Week of Advent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-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 82

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: Philip Marshall (1921-2005)

Artists: The Choir of Lincoln Cathedral, Colin Walsh (organ), Aric Prentice (dir.)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO-U4lFudiE&list=RDRO-U4lFudiE&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO-U4lFudiE&list=RDRO-U4lFudiE&start_radio=1)

Deus stetit

[Full choir: God stands in judgment]

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes; \* he is a Judge among gods.

2 How long will ye give wrong judgment, \* and accept the persons of the  
ungodly?

[Stern commands to Israel; echoing the prophets' admonitions]

3 Defend the poor and fatherless; \* see that such as are in need and  
necessity have right.

4 Deliver the outcast and poor; \* save them from the hand of the ungodly.

[Not only Israel but the whole world refuses to obey YHWH]

5 They will not be learned, nor understand, but walk on still in darkness: \*  
all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

[God's judgment: You could have been much better but instead you chose to sin.]

6 I have said, Ye are gods, \* and ye are all the children of the Most Highest.

7 But ye shall die like men, \* and fall like one of the princes.

[The psalmist asks God to take command of the situation.]

8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth; \* for thou shalt take all peoples to  
thine inheritance.

[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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