

Morning Prayer 12th January 2021

Psalm 9

Response: ***I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart***

- ¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
² I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
³ When my enemies turned back,
they stumbled and perished before you.
⁴ For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgement.

I will give thanks...

- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked;
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
⁶ The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins;
their cities you have rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.
⁷ But the LORD sits enthroned for ever,
he has established his throne for judgement.
⁸ He judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with equity.
⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

I will give thanks...

- ¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
¹³ Be gracious to me, O LORD.
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
¹⁴ so that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.
¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.
¹⁶ The LORD has made himself known, he has executed
judgement;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

I will give thanks...

/The wicked...

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- ¹⁷ The wicked shall depart to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.
¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish for ever.
¹⁹ Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.
²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD;
let the nations know that they are only human.

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1 Corinthians 1:18 - end

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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