

Returning to God – Ash Wednesday

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Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;*
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness*
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is ever before me.

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- 4 Against you only have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak*
and upright in your judgement.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,*
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,*
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;*
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,*
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins*
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence*
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again*
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,*
and sinners shall return to you.**
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God,*
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord,*
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,*
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
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- 19 Be favourable and gracious to Zion,*
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations;*
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.**

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

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- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;*
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 **I will glory in the Lord;***
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;*
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 **I sought the Lord, and he answered me*
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

- 5 Look upon him and be radiant,*
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me*
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,*
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;*
happy are they who trust in him!**
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,*
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me;*
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life*
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking*
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good;*
seek peace and pursue it.**
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,*
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,*
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them*
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted*
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous,*
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

- 20 He will keep safe all his bones;*
not one of them shall be broken.**
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,*
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

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Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

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- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,*
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,*
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,*
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.'*
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful
will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;*
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'**
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but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
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shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**
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let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame;***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
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for you are the God of my salvation;
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- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.
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remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
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for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.**
- 15 Turn to me and have pity on me,*
for I am left alone and in misery.
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bring me out of my troubles.**
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery*
and forgive me all my sin.

- 18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many,*
and they bear a violent hatred against me.**
- 19 Protect my life and deliver me;*
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.
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for my hope has been in you.**
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Psalm 77

- 1 I will cry aloud to God;*
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 **In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;***
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.
- 3 I think of God, I am restless,*
I ponder, and my spirit faints.

- 4 You will not let my eyelids close;*
I am troubled and I cannot speak.**
- 5 I consider the days of old;*
I remember the years long past;
- 6 I commune with my heart in the night;*
I ponder and search my mind.**
- 7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever?*" will he no more show his favour?
- 8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever?*" has his promise failed for evermore?**
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?*" has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?
- 10 And I said, 'My grief is this:*" the right hand of the Most High has lost its power.'**
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord,*
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts*
and ponder your mighty deeds.**
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy,*
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders*
and have declared your power among the peoples.**
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people,*
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;*
the very depths were shaken.**
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered,*
your arrows flashed to and fro;

**18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;*
the earth trembled and shook.**

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,*
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- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;*
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness***
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned***
and done what is evil in your sight.

- 5 And so you are justified when you speak*
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- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,*
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wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
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- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,*
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
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**20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
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