

## Creationtide – Week 1, Sunday

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### Psalm 149

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the Lord a new song;\*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 **Let Israel rejoice in his maker;\*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance;\*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people\*  
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;\*  
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat\*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations\*  
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains\*  
and their nobles with links of iron;**
- 9 To inflict on them the judgement decreed;\*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

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**Do not bring us to the time of trial,  
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Accept our praise, God of justice, defender of the oppressed. Give us grace to join in this your holy work, that all the world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,\*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people\*  
and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury\*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 **Restore us then, O God our Saviour;\*  
let your anger depart from us.**

- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever?\*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 **Will you not give us life again,\*  
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord,\*  
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 **I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,\*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 **Mercy and truth have met together,\*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,\*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 **The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,\*  
and our land will yield its increase.**
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God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **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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#### Psalm 104:1 – 23

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.
- 2 **You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak\*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

- 4 You make the winds your messengers\*  
and flames of fire your servants.**
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations,\*  
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a mantle;\*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**
- 7 At your rebuke they fled;\*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath,\*  
to the places you had appointed for them.**
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass;\*  
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys;\*  
they flow between the mountains.**
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,\*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests\*  
and sing among the branches.**
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;\*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds\*  
and plants to serve humankind;**
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth,\*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance,\*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.**
- 17 The trees of the Lord are full of sap,\*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests,\*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.**
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- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats,\*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,\*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.**
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night,\*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey\*  
and seek their food from God.**
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away\*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.

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O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,\*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas\*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?\*'   
and who can stand in his holy place?'

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who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord\*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.’
- 6** **Such is the generation of those who seek him,\*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8** **‘Who is this King of glory?’\*  
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- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
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with the harp and the voice of song.**
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Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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### Opening - from John 1

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### Psalm 139

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;\*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places\*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,\*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before\*  
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,\*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?\***  
**where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;\*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning\*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me\*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will cover me,\*  
and the light around me turn to night,’**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;\*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;\*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made,\*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you,\*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;\*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!\*  
how great is the sum of them!**

- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;\*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
- 18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!\*  
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.**
- 19 They speak despitefully against you;\*  
your enemies take your name in vain.
- 20 Do I not hate those, O Lord, who hate you?\***  
**and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?**
- 21 I hate them with a perfect hatred;\*  
they have become my own enemies.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;\***  
**try me and know my restless thoughts.**
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## Readings

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**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
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from the hands of all who hate us;  
to show mercy to our forebears,  
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God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name.

**Amen.**

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- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?\*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels,\*  
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you put all things under his feet;
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