

Psalms and Deutero-Canonical Literature

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(Psalmist David, by Gustav Doré)

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- 8:30** *Arrival & Setup*
- 8:45** *Opening Prayer / Initial Announcements*
- 9:00** **Session 1 – Psalms**
- 10:00** *Group Discussions:* The Book of Psalms was often the first Old Testament book translated by missionaries after the New Testament. Why do you think this is so? Why do you think Psalms was always so popular in Christian history?
- 10:15** *Break*
- 10:30** **Session 2 – Deutero-Canonical Literature, part 1 (The History)**
- 11:30** *Q & A*
- 11:45** **Presentation – Psalm 88** (by Ryan Ignatius Pratt)
- 12:00** *Lunch*
- 1:00** **Session 3 – Deutero-Canonical Literature, part 2 (Stories for Faith)**
- 2:00** *Group Discussions:* What are the greatest gifts of the Deutero-Canonical books for modern Christian faith? How do they augment one's faith life and practices?
- 2:15** *Break*
- 2:30** **Session 4 – Are there “lost” books?**
- 3:30** *Q & A*
- 3:45** *Final Announcements / Closing Prayer*
- 4:00** *Clean-up & Departure*

Next Meeting: May 2, 2015

Catholic Bible Institute – March 28, 2015 – Opening Prayer

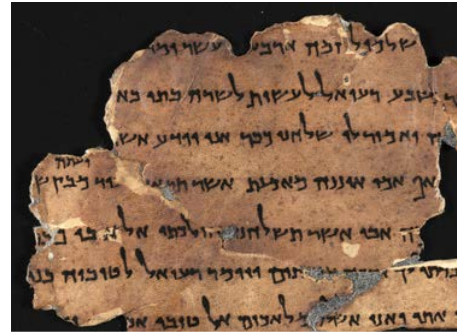
Leader: Come, let us worship our mighty King and Lord.
All: *Come, let us worship our mighty King and Lord.*

Reading: Tobit 13:1-8

A reading from the Book of Tobit.

Blessed be God who lives forever,
because his kingdom lasts for ages.
For he scourges and then has mercy;
he casts down to the depths of the nether world,
and he brings up from the great abyss.
No one can escape his hand.
Praise him, you Israelites, before the Gentiles,
for though he has scattered you among them,
he has shown you his greatness even there.
Exalt him before every living being,
because he is the Lord our God,
our Father and God forever.
He scourged you for your iniquities,
but will again have mercy on you all.
He will gather you from all the Gentiles
among whom you have been scattered.
When you turn back to him with all your heart,
to do what is right before him,
then he will turn back to you,
and no longer hide his face from you.
So now consider what he has done for you,
and praise him with full voice.
Bless the Lord of righteousness,
and exalt the King of the ages.
In the land of my exile I praise him,
and show his power and majesty
to a sinful nation.
“Turn back, you sinners! do the right before him:
perhaps he may look with favor upon you
and show you mercy.
“As for me, I exalt my God,
and my spirit rejoices in the King of heaven.
Let all speak of his majesty,
and sing his praises in Jerusalem.”
The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*



The Tobit scroll from the second temple times
Photograph: Shai Halevi, Israel Antiquities Authority

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

All: *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Leader: Exult, you just, in the Lord;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the Lord on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

All: *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Leader: Upright is the word of the Lord,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

All: *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Leader: See, the eyes of the Lord are upon
those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
to deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

All: *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Concluding Prayer:

God our Father,
hear our morning prayer
and let the radiance of your love
scatter the gloom of our hearts.
The light of heaven's love has restored us to life:
free us from the desires that belong to darkness.

All: *Amen.*

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Gathering Prayer:

Leader: God, come to my assistance.

ALL: Lord, make haste to help me.

Reading: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25

A reading from the Book of Esther.

Queen Esther, seized with mortal anguish, had recourse to the LORD.

She lay prostrate upon the ground, together with her handmaids,
from morning until evening, and said:

“God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, blessed are you.

Help me, who am alone and have no help but you,
for I am taking my life in my hand.

As a child I used to hear from the books of my forefathers
that you, O LORD, always free those who are pleasing to you.

Now help me, who am alone and have no one but you,
O LORD, my God.

“And now, come to help me, an orphan.

Put in my mouth persuasive words in the presence of the lion
and turn his heart to hatred for our enemy,

so that he and those who are in league with him may perish.

Save us from the hand of our enemies;

turn our mourning into gladness
and our sorrows into wholeness.”

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ALL: Thanks be to God.



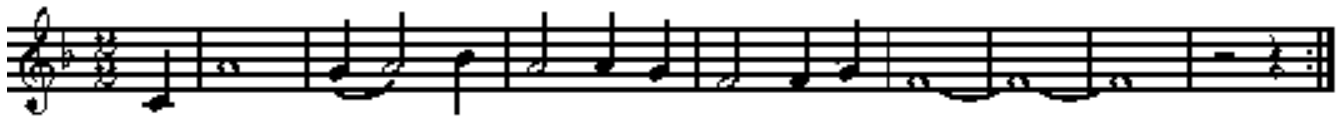
ESTHER BEFORE THE KING

Then . . . she stood before the king . . . and he was very dreadful . . . and the queen
fell down, and was pale and fainted . . . (Esther [Apocrypha] 13:6,7)

Responsorial Psalm: (Sung Response)

PSALM 25: I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Tim Manion



To you, Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, My God, in you I trust:

Do not let me be disgraced, do not let my enemies gloat over me (**Response**)

No one is disgraced who waits for you,

But only those who are treacherous without cause. (**Response**)

Make known to me your ways, Lord, Teach me your paths; Guide me by your fidelity and teach me,

For you are God my savior, for you I wait all the day long (**Response**)

Remember your compassion and your mercy, Oh Lord, for they are ages old.

Remember no more the sins of my youth, remember me according to your mercy,

Because of your goodness, Lord. (**Response**)

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Let us remember Jesus' words in John 12:23:

"The hour has come for the son of man to be glorified."

ALL: Praise to you, O Lord! We sing to you our praise of gratitude!

Leader: Let us remember Jesus' words in John 12:24:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

All: Lord Jesus, give me the grace to be quiet, to listen for your voice in my heart.

Leader: Let us remember Jesus' words in John 12:24:

Whoever loves his life and loses it,

and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

All: Loving Lord, give me the grace to accept the fact that the path I'm on will, eventually, bring me home to both myself and to you.

Leader: Let us remember Jesus' words in John 12:27

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

All: Loving Jesus, be in me so that I may be the sign of your presence to many.