

Thursday I

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In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 95

1 Come, let us cry out with joy to Yahweh,
acclaim the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
acclaim him with music.
3 For Yahweh is a great God,
a king greater than all the gods.
4 In his power are the depths of the earth,
the peaks of the mountains are his;
5 the sea belongs to him, for he made it,
and the dry land, moulded by his hands.
6 Come, let us bow low and do reverence;
kneel before Yahweh who made us!
7 For he is our God, and we the people of his sheepfold,
the flock of his hand.
If only you would listen to him today!
8 Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
as at the time of Massah in the desert,
9 when your ancestors challenged me,
put me to the test, and saw what I could do!
10 For forty years that generation sickened me,
and I said, 'Always fickle hearts;
they cannot grasp my ways.'
11 Then in my anger
I swore they would never enter my place of rest.

Gospel Mark 4,21-25

21 He also said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under a tub or under the bed? Surely to be put on the lamp-stand?
22 For there is nothing hidden, but it must be disclosed, nothing kept secret except to be brought to light.
23 Anyone who has ears for listening should listen!'
24 He also said to them, 'Take notice of what you are hearing. The standard you use will be used for you -- and you will receive more besides;
25 anyone who has, will be given more; anyone who has not, will be deprived even of what he has.'
Let us pray:
Lord God, make us find refuge in the humility of the heart of Jesus Christ, your Son. Then our thoughts will be thoughts of peace and our actions will be actions of charity. Thus in our daily trials we will make manifest the wealth of his patience, until dawns for us the new day and we will be always with you, God, blessed now and for all ages of ages.
– Amen.