

Psalm 145:1-14

¹I will extol you, my God and King, *
and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you *
and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, *
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, *
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, *
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, *
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness *
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, *
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all, *
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, *
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom *
and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and kind in all his works.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling *
and raises up all who are bowed down.

OLD TESTAMENT: Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to You, O Christ