OFFICE OF READINGS



PSALM 18:2-30 I

I love you, Lórd, *my* stréngth; O Lord, my rock, my fórtress, *my* sávior;

my God, my rock where Í *take* réfuge; my shield, my saving stréngth, *my* strónghold.

I cry out, "O práised be the Lórd!" and see, I am sáved from my fóes.

The waves of déath rose about me; the torrents of destrúction assáiled me;

the snares of Shéol *sur*róunded me; the traps of déath confront*ed* mé.

In my anguish I cálled to *the* Lórd; I cried to my Gód *for* hélp.

From his temple he héard *my* vóice; my cry to him réached *his* éars. Glory...

PSALM 18:2-30 II

The earth then réeled *and* rócked; the mountains were sháken to *their* báse;

they quaked at his térri*ble* ánger. Smoke came fórth from *his* nóstrils,

and scorching fire from *his* mouth; from him were kindled *live* coals.

He bent the héavens and *came* dówn, a black cloud was únder *his* féet.

On a cherub, he róde and *he* fléw; he soared on the wings of *the* wind.

He made the dárkness *his* cóvering, the dark waters of the clóuds, *his* tént.

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A brightness shóne out *be*fóre him, with hailstones and fláshes *of* fíre.

The Lord then thundered in the heavens; † the Most High let his voice be héard, with hail and coals of fire.

He shot his arrows, scattered *the* fóe, flashed his lightnings, and pút them *to* flíght.

The bed of the ócean was *re*véaled; the foundations of the world were *laid* báre at your rebúke, *O* Lórd, at the blast of the bréath of *your* nóstrils.

From on high he réached down *and* séized me; he drew me forth from the míghty wáters.

He saved me from my pówerful fóe, from my enemies, whose stréngth I could *not* mátch.

They assailed me in the dáy of my *mis*fórtune, but the Lord was my stróng *sup*pórt.

He brought me out to a pláce *of* fréedom; he saved me becáuse *he* lóved me.

Glory...

PSALM 18:2-30 III

The Lord rewarded me becáuse I was ríghteous, repaid me, for my hánds were cléan,

for I have kept the wáys of *the* Lórd, and have not fallen awáy from *my* Gód.

For his judgments are áll *be*fóre me: his commands I have not cást *a*síde.

I have been blámeless *be*fóre him; I have kept mysélf *from* gúilt.

The Lord repaid me becáuse I was ríghteous, and my hands were cléan in his éyes.

With the faithful you shów yourself fáithful; with the blameless you shów yourself blámeless.

With the sincere you show yourself sincere, but the cunning you outdo *in* shrewdness;

for you save a lów*ly* péople, but bring low the éyes that *are* próud.

It is you who give light to my lámp; the Lord my God lightens my dárkness.

With you I can crúsh *the* fóe, with my God I can scále *a* wáll.

Glory...

tr. I love you Lord, my strength.



Dí-ligam te, Dómi-ne, virtus me-a.

All wondered at the words of grace.

— Which came from the mouth of the Lord.

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PSALM 36

Transgression spéaks to *the* sínner in the dépths of *his* héart.

There is no fear of God befóre his éyes. In his own eyes, he flátters himsélf,

not to see and detést his *own* gúilt. The words of his mouth are míschief and *de*céit.

He has ceased to be prúdent and *do* góod. In bed he plóts *in*íquity.

He sets his foot on every wicked wáy; no evil does hé *re*jéct.

Your mercy, Lord, réaches to héaven, your trúth to the clóuds.

Your uprightness is like the mountains of God; like the great deep, *your* jústice.

Both man and beast you sáve, *O* Lórd. How precious is your mércy, *O* Gód!

The children of Ádam *seek* shélter in the shádow of *your* wings.

They feast on the ríches of *your* hóuse; you give them drink from the stréam of your *de*light.

For with you is the fountain *of* life, and in your light we *see* light.

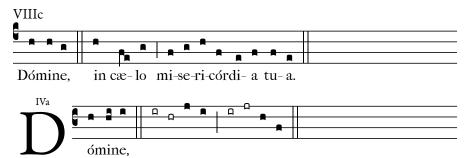
Maintain your mercy for those *who* knów you, your saving justice to úp*right* héarts.

Let the foot of the proud not tréad *on* mé nor the hand of the wicked drive *me* óut.

There have the évildoers fállen; flung down, unáble to ríse!

Glory...

tr. Your mercy, Lord, reaches to heaven.



JUDITH 16:2-3A, 13-15

Begin a song to my Gód with tambourínes, sing to my Lórd with cýmbals.

Improvise a new sóng *for* hím, extol and invóke *his* náme.

You are Gód who sup*press* wárs, who pitch camp in the mídst of *your* péople

to free me from the hánds of my *pur*súers. I will sing a new sóng to *my* Gód:

O Lord, you are gréat *and* glórious, marvelous in stréngth and *in*víncible.

May all your créatures sérve you, for you spoke, and théy were máde.

You sent forth your Spirit, and théy were *cre*áted; and no one can resíst *your* vóice.

For the mountains shall be shaken † to their báses like *the* wáters; rocks shall melt like wáx before *your* fáce.

Yet to those *who* féar you, you will still *show* mércy.

Glory...

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tr. O Lord, you are great and glorious in your power.



Dómine, magnus es tu, et præclá-rus in virtúte tu-a.



PSALM 47

All peoples, cláp *your* hánds. Cry to God with shouts *of* jóy!

For the Lord, the Most Hígh, is áwesome, the great king over áll *the* éarth.

He humbles peoples ún*der* ús and nations únder *our* féet.

Our heritage he chóse *for* ús, the pride of Jácob whom *he* lóves.

God has gone up with shouts of joy. The Lord goes up with trúmpet blást

Sing praise for Gód; *sing* práise! Sing praise to our kíng; *sing* práise!

For God is king of áll *the* éarth. Sing práise with *a* hýmn.

God is reigning *óver* nátions. God sits upon his h*ó*ly thróne.

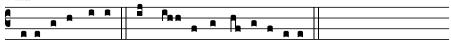
The princes of the péoples are *as*sémbled with the people of the Gód *of* Ábraham.

The rulers of the éarth belong *to* Gód, who is gréatly *ex*álted.

Glory...

tr. Cry to God with shouts of joy.

VIIa



Jubi-lá-te De- o in vo- ce exsul-ta-ti- ónis.