

## Bible Reading | Friday, June 5

### Psalm

Psalm 33

- 1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp;  
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.
- 5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;  
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the people of the world revere him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations;  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.

### Old Testament

Genesis 14:17-24

- 17 After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying,  
"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And praise be to God Most High,  
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, 23 that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ 24 I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share.”

## **New Testament**

Acts 28:1-10

28 Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. 2 The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. 3 Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, “This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. 6 The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

7 There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. 8 His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. 9 When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. 10 They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.