

9.6.26 Scripture Readings *(NRSV)*

Worship Notes

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings with fetters

and their nobles with chains of iron,

⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

“If another member of the church sins against you go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!