

Worship with the Psalms in Winter – Inclusive language versions

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26th June – Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God;

I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.**

I will remember the works of the LORD, and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy;
who is so great a god as our God?

**You are the God who works wonders
and have declared your power among the peoples.**

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled;
the very depths were shaken.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;
**the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters,
yet your footsteps were not seen.

**You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

24th July – Psalm 85

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Saviour let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us forever?
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

**I will listen, O LORD God, to what you are saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**O LORD, you will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before you,
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

28th August – Psalm 81:1,10-16

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,**

‘Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.’

And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the LORD would cringe before me, and their punishment would last forever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy them with honey from the rock.”