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Made in God's Image**

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General Notes

This document offers a complete set of readings in keeping with the *Revised Common Lectionary*:

- Old Testament: Jeremiah 1
- Psalm: 139
- New Testament (Epistle): Romans 8:31–39
- Gospel: John 9 (or John 9:1–11)

All of the texts are offered in the following translations:

- New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised) (NRSVA), for use in churches which follow the RCL or its equivalents (e.g. *Common Worship*)
- Authorised/King James Version (AV/KJV)
- New International Version – UK (NIVUK)
- Good News Bible/Today's English Version (GNB/GNT)
- The Message (MSG)

These translations have been chosen with the aim of matching those used in the majority of acts of public worship, thus enabling people with sight loss to read the texts aloud in a service for Sight Loss Sunday.

In addition, the psalm is offered from the following psalters:

- **Common Worship (including the prayer and refrain from Daily Prayer)**
- **The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**

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New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised) (NRSVA)

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Jeremiah 1 (NRSVA)

1 The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests
2 who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to
whom the word of the Lord came in the days of King
Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his
3 reign. It came also in the days of King Jehoiakim son
of Josiah of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year
of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, until the
captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and
before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you
a prophet to the nations.”
6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to
7 speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to
whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever
8 I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with
you to deliver you, says the Lord.”
9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the Lord said to me,

10 “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

11 The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an
12 almond tree.” Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform
13 it.” The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, tilted away from the north.”

14 Then the Lord said to me: Out of the north disaster
15 shall break out on all the inhabitants of the land. For now I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the Lord; and they shall come and all of them shall set their thrones at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its surrounding walls and against
16 all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgements against them, for all their wickedness in forsaking me; they have made offerings to other gods, and worshipped
17 the works of their own hands. But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you
18 before them. And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land – against the kings of Judah, its princes,
19 its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.

Psalm 139 (NRSVA)

The Inescapable God

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.**
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.**
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?**
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
- 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night”,**
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

- 13** For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
- 15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16** Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
- 17** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18** I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.
- 19** O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me –
- 20** those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!
- 21** Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- 22** I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
- 23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
- 24** See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8:31–39 (NRSVA)

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is
32 for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his
own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with
33 him also give us everything else? Who will bring any
34 charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,
who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who
35 indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from
the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36 As it is written,

**“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are
accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”**

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
38 through him who loved us. For I am convinced that
neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
39 present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

John 9 (NRSVA)

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

2 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.
His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or
3 his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered,
“Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born
4 blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.
We must work the works of him who sent me while it is

5 day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as
6 I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When
he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud
7 with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes,
saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which
means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back
8 able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen
him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the
9 man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It
is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like
10 him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept
11 asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He
answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on
my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then
12 I went and washed and received my sight.” They said
to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had
14 formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when
15 Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the
Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his
sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then
16 I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said,
“This man is not from God, for he does not observe the
sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is
17 a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.
So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say
about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is
a prophet.”

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and
had received his sight until they called the parents of
19 the man who had received his sight and asked them,
“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then

20 does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know
21 that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we
do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know
who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will
22 speak for himself." His parents said this because they
were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed
that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah
23 would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his
parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had
been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We
25 know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not
know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that
26 though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What
27 did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He
answered them, "I have told you already, and you would
not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you
28 also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled
him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of
29 Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as
30 for this man, we do not know where he comes from."
The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You
do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened
31 my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners,
but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys
32 his will. Never since the world began has it been heard
33 that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If
34 this man were not from God, he could do nothing."
They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and
are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he

36 found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may
37 believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him,
38 and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord,
39 I believe.” And he worshipped him. Jesus said, “I came
into this world for judgement so that those who do not
40 see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”
Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to
41 him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to
them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But
now that you say, ‘We see’, your sin remains.”

Authorised/King James Version (AV/KJV)

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Jeremiah 1 (AV/KJV)

- 1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:**
- 2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.**
- 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.**
- 4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,**
- 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.**
- 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.**
- 7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.**
- 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.**

- 9** Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
- 10** See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.
- 11** Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.
- 12** Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.
- 13** And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.
- 14** Then the Lord said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.
- 15** For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.
- 16** And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.
- 17** Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.
- 18** For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole

land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

Psalm 139 (AV/KJV)

- 1 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

- 11** If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12** Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- 13** For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16** Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
- 17** How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- 18** If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.
- 19** Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.
- 20** For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.
- 21** Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
- 22** I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8:31–39 (AV/KJV)

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 9 (AV/KJV)

- 1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.**
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?**
- 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**
- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**
- 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**
- 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,**
- 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.**
- 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?**
- 9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.**
- 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?**
- 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.**

- 12** Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.
- 13** They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.
- 14** And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.
- 15** Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.
- 16** Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.
- 17** They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.
- 18** But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.
- 19** And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?
- 20** His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:
- 21** But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
- 22** These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any

man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

- 34** They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.
- 35** Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
- 36** He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?
- 37** And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.
- 38** And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.
- 39** And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.
- 40** And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?
- 41** Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

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Jeremiah 1 (NIVUK)

**1 The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the
2 priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. The
word of the Lord came to him in the thirteenth year of
3 the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, and
through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of
Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of
Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of
Jerusalem went into exile.**

The call of Jeremiah

4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

**5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before
you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as
a prophet to the nations.”**

**6 “Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to
speak; I am too young.”**

**7 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’
You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever
8 I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with
you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.**

**9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my
mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your
10 mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and**

kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

11 The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?”

“I see the branch of an almond tree,” I replied.

12 The Lord said to me, “You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.”

13 The word of the Lord came to me again: “What do you see?”

“I see a pot that is boiling,” I answered. “It is tilting towards us from the north.”

14 The Lord said to me, “From the north disaster will be
15 poured out on all who live in the land. I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the Lord.

“Their kings will come and set up their thrones in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem; they will come against all her surrounding walls and against all the
16 towns of Judah. I will pronounce my judgments on my people because of their wickedness in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods and in worshipping what their hands have made.

17 “Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them,
18 or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land – against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land.
19 They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Psalm 139 (NIVUK)

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

- 1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.**
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.**
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.**
- 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.**
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
- 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,**
- 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"**
- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**
- 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.**
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!**
- 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand – when I awake, I am still with you.**
- 19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!**
- 20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.**
- 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?**
- 22 I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.**
- 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.**
- 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Romans 8:31–39 (NIVUK)

More than conquerors

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
32 If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all
33 things? Who will bring any charge against those whom
34 God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right
35 hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or
36 danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
38 through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,
39 neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 9 (NIVUK)

Jesus heals a man born blind

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus,

“but this happened so that the works of God might be
4 displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the
works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no
5 one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light
of the world.”

6 After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some
7 mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.
“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this
word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and
came home seeing.

8 His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him
begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit
9 and beg?” Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

11 He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud
and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and
wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

12 “Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

The Pharisees investigate the healing

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been
14 blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud
15 and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore
the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his
sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and
I washed, and now I see.”

16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

17 Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

18 They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s
19 parents. “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

20 “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and
21 we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is
22 of age; he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the
23 synagogue. That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

25 He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

26 Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

27 He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to

become his disciples too?”

28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this
29 fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know
that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t
even know where he comes from.”

30 The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You
don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my
31 eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He
32 listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody
33 has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.
If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

34 To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth;
how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

Spiritual blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he
found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that
I may believe in him.”

37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the
one speaking with you.”

38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he
worshipped him.

39 Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world,
so that the blind will see and those who see will become
blind.”

40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this
and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

41 Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty
of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt

remains.”

Good News Bible/Today's English Version (GNB/GNT)

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Jeremiah 1 (GNB/GNT)

- 1 This book is the account of what was said by Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests of the town of
2 Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah in the thirteenth year that Josiah son of
3 Amon was king of Judah, and he spoke to him again when Josiah's son Jehoiakim was king. After that, the Lord spoke to him many times, until the eleventh year of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah. In the fifth month of that year the people of Jerusalem were taken into exile.

The Call of Jeremiah

- 5 The Lord said to me, "I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations."
6 I answered, "Sovereign Lord, I don't know how to speak; I am too young."
7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say that you are too young, but go to the people I send you to, and tell them
8 everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of them, for I will be with you to protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!"
9 Then the Lord reached out, touched my lips, and said to me, "Listen, I am giving you the words you must

10 speak. Today I give you authority over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Two Visions

11 The Lord asked me, “Jeremiah, what do you see?”

I answered, “A branch of an almond tree.”

12 “You are right,” the Lord said, “and I am watching to see that my words come true.”

13 Then the Lord spoke to me again. “What else do you see?” he asked.

I answered, “I see a pot boiling in the north, and it is about to tip over this way.”

**14 He said to me, “Destruction will boil over from the
15 north on all who live in this land, because I am calling
all the nations in the north to come. Their kings will set
up their thrones at the gates of Jerusalem and around its
16 walls and also around the other cities of Judah. I will
punish my people because they have sinned; they have
abandoned me, have offered sacrifices to other gods,
17 and have made idols and worshiped them. Get ready,
Jeremiah; go and tell them everything I command you to
say. Do not be afraid of them now, or I will make you
even more afraid when you are with them. ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Listen,
Jeremiah! Everyone in this land – the kings of Judah, the
officials, the priests, and the people – will be against
you. But today I am giving you the strength to resist
them; you will be like a fortified city, an iron pillar, and
a bronze wall. They will not defeat you, for I will be with
you to protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken.”**

Psalm 139 (GNB/GNT)

God's Complete Knowledge and Care

- 1 Lord, you have examined me and you know me.**
- 2 You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts.**
- 3 You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions.**
- 4 Even before I speak, you already know what I will say.**
- 5 You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power.**
- 6 Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding.**
- 7 Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I get away from your presence?**
- 8 If I went up to heaven, you would be there; if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there.**
- 9 If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west,**
- 10 you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me.**
- 11 I could ask the darkness to hide me or the light around me to turn into night,**
- 12 but even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are the same to you.**
- 13 You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb.**

- 14** I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart.
- 15** When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there –
- 16** you saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began.
- 17** O God, how difficult I find your thoughts; how many of them there are!
- 18** If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.
- 19** O God, how I wish you would kill the wicked! How I wish violent people would leave me alone!
- 20** They say wicked things about you; they speak evil things against your name.
- 21** O Lord, how I hate those who hate you! How I despise those who rebel against you!
- 22** I hate them with a total hatred; I regard them as my enemies.
- 23** Examine me, O God, and know my mind; test me, and discover my thoughts.
- 24** Find out if there is any evil in me and guide me in the everlasting way.

Romans 8:31–39 (GNB/GNT)

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 In view of all this, what can we say? If God is for us,
32 who can be against us? Certainly not God, who did not
even keep back his own Son, but offered him for us all!
He gave us his Son – will he not also freely give us all
33 things? Who will accuse God's chosen people? God
34 himself declares them not guilty! Who, then, will
condemn them? Not Christ Jesus, who died, or rather,
who was raised to life and is at the right side of God,
35 pleading with him for us! Who, then, can separate us
from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or
36 persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death?
As the scripture says,

**“For your sake we are in danger of death at all times; we
are treated like sheep that are going to be slaughtered.”**

37 No, in all these things we have complete victory
38 through him who loved us! For I am certain that
nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor
life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,
39 neither the present nor the future, neither the world
above nor the world below – there is nothing in all
creation that will ever be able to separate us from the
love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 9 (GNB/GNT)

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had
2 been born blind. His disciples asked him, “Teacher,
whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own
or his parents' sin?”

3 Jesus answered, “His blindness has nothing to do with
his sins or his parents’ sins. He is blind so that God’s
4 power might be seen at work in him. As long as it is
day, we must do the work of him who sent me; night is
5 coming when no one can work. While I am in the
world, I am the light for the world.”

6 After he said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made
some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the
7 man’s eyes and told him, “Go and wash your face in
the Pool of Siloam.” (This name means “Sent.”) So the
man went, washed his face, and came back seeing.

8 His neighbors, then, and the people who had seen him
begging before this, asked, “Isn’t this the man who used
to sit and beg?”

9 Some said, “He is the one,” but others said, “No he
isn’t; he just looks like him.”

So the man himself said, “I am the man.”

10 “How is it that you can now see?” they asked him.

11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made some mud,
rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and
wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed,
I could see.”

12 “Where is he?” they asked.

“I don’t know,” he answered.

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

13 Then they took to the Pharisees the man who had been
14 blind. The day that Jesus made the mud and cured him
15 of his blindness was a Sabbath. The Pharisees, then,
asked the man again how he had received his sight. He

told them, “He put some mud on my eyes; I washed my face, and now I can see.”

16 Some of the Pharisees said, “The man who did this cannot be from God, for he does not obey the Sabbath law.”

Others, however, said, “How could a man who is a sinner perform such miracles as these?” And there was a division among them.

17 So the Pharisees asked the man once more, “You say he cured you of your blindness – well, what do you say about him?”

“He is a prophet,” the man answered.

18 The Jewish authorities, however, were not willing to believe that he had been blind and could now see, until
19 they called his parents and asked them, “Is this your son? You say that he was born blind; how is it, then, that he can now see?”

20 His parents answered, “We know that he is our son,
21 and we know that he was born blind. But we do not know how it is that he is now able to see, nor do we know who cured him of his blindness. Ask him; he is old
22 enough, and he can answer for himself!” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, who had already agreed that anyone who said he believed that Jesus was the Messiah would be
23 expelled from the synagogue. That is why his parents said, “He is old enough; ask him!”

24 A second time they called back the man who had been born blind, and said to him, “Promise before God that you will tell the truth! We know that this man who cured you is a sinner.”

25 “I do not know if he is a sinner or not,” the man replied. “One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see.”

26 “What did he do to you?” they asked. “How did he cure you of your blindness?”

27 “I have already told you,” he answered, “and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Maybe you, too, would like to be his disciples?”

28 They insulted him and said, “You are that fellow’s
29 disciple; but we are Moses’ disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for that fellow, however, we do not even know where he comes from!”

30 The man answered, “What a strange thing that is! You do not know where he comes from, but he cured me of
31 my blindness! We know that God does not listen to sinners; he does listen to people who respect him and do
32 what he wants them to do. Since the beginning of the world nobody has ever heard of anyone giving sight to
33 a person born blind. Unless this man came from God, he would not be able to do a thing.”

34 They answered, “You were born and brought up in sin – and you are trying to teach us?” And they expelled him from the synagogue.

Spiritual Blindness

35 When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36 The man answered, “Tell me who he is, sir, so that I can believe in him!”

37 Jesus said to him, “You have already seen him, and he is the one who is talking with you now.”

38 “I believe, Lord!” the man said, and knelt down before Jesus.

39 Jesus said, “I came to this world to judge, so that the blind should see and those who see should become blind.”

40 Some Pharisees who were there with him heard him say this and asked him, “Surely you don’t mean that we are blind, too?”

41 Jesus answered, “If you were blind, then you would not be guilty; but since you claim that you can see, this means that you are still guilty.”

The Message (MSG)

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Jeremiah 1 (MSG)

Demolish, and Then Start Over

1–4 The Message of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah of the family of priests who lived in Anathoth in the country of Benjamin. God’s Message began to come to him during the thirteenth year that Josiah son of Amon reigned over Judah. It continued to come to him during the time Jehoiakim son of Josiah reigned over Judah. And it continued to come to him clear down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah over Judah, the year that Jerusalem was taken into exile. This is what God said:

5 “Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations – that’s what I had in mind for you.”

6 But I said, “Hold it, Master God! Look at me. I don’t know anything. I’m only a boy!”

7–8 God told me, “Don’t say, ‘I’m only a boy.’ I’ll tell you where to go and you’ll go there. I’ll tell you what to say and you’ll say it. Don’t be afraid of a soul. I’ll be right there, looking after you.” God’s Decree.

9–10 God reached out, touched my mouth, and said, “Look! I’ve just put my words in your mouth – hand-delivered!

See what I've done? I've given you a job to do among nations and governments – a red-letter day! Your job is to pull up and tear down, take apart and demolish, And then start over, building and planting.”

Stand Up and Say Your Piece

11–12 God's Message came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?” I said, “A walking stick – that's all.” And God said, “Good eyes! I'm sticking with you. I'll make every word I give you come true.”

13–15 God's Message came again: “So what do you see now?” I said, “I see a boiling pot, tipped down toward us.” Then God told me, “Disaster will pour out of the north on everyone living in this land. Watch for this: I'm calling all the kings out of the north.” God's Decree.

15–16 “They'll come and set up headquarters facing Jerusalem's gates, Facing all the city walls, facing all the villages of Judah. I'll pronounce my judgment on the people of Judah for walking out on me – what a terrible thing to do! – And courting other gods with their offerings, worshiping as gods sticks they'd carved, stones they'd painted.

17 “But you – up on your feet and get dressed for work! Stand up and say your piece. Say exactly what I tell you to say. Don't pull your punches or I'll pull you out of the lineup.

18–19 “Stand at attention while I prepare you for your work. I'm making you as impregnable as a castle, Immovable as a steel post, solid as a concrete block wall. You're a one-man defense system against this culture, Against Judah's kings and princes, against the priests and local leaders. They'll fight you, but they won't even scratch

you. I'll back you up every inch of the way." God's Decree.

Psalm 139 (MSG)

1-6 God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too – your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful – I can't take it all in!

7-12 Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute – you're already there waiting! Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!" It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

13-16 Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God – you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration – what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

17–22 Your thoughts – how rare, how beautiful! God, I'll never comprehend them! I couldn't even begin to count them – any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you! And please, God, do away with wickedness for good! And you murderers – out of here! – all the men and women who belittle you, God, infatuated with cheap god-imitations. See how I hate those who hate you, God, see how I loathe all this godless arrogance; I hate it with pure, unadulterated hatred. Your enemies are my enemies!

23–24 Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong – then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Romans 8:31–39 (MSG)

31–39 So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us – who was raised to life for us! – is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture:

They kill us in cold blood because they hate you. We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one.

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing – nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable – absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

John 9 (MSG)

True Blindness

1–2 Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, “Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?”

3–5 Jesus said, “You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do. We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over. For as long as I am in the world, there is plenty of light. I am the world's Light.”

6–7 He said this and then spit in the dust, made a clay paste with the saliva, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, “Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “Sent”). The man went and washed – and saw.

8 Soon the town was buzzing. His relatives and those who year after year had seen him as a blind man begging were saying, “Why, isn't this the man we knew, who sat here and begged?”

9 Others said, “It’s him all right!”

But others objected, “It’s not the same man at all. It just looks like him.”

He said, “It’s me, the very one.”

10 They said, “How did your eyes get opened?”

11 “A man named Jesus made a paste and rubbed it on my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ I did what he said. When I washed, I saw.”

12 “So where is he?”

“I don’t know.”

13–15 They marched the man to the Pharisees. This day when Jesus made the paste and healed his blindness was the Sabbath. The Pharisees grilled him again on how he had come to see. He said, “He put a clay paste on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see.”

16 Some of the Pharisees said, “Obviously, this man can’t be from God. He doesn’t keep the Sabbath.”

Others countered, “How can a bad man do miraculous, God-revealing things like this?” There was a split in their ranks.

17 They came back at the blind man, “You’re the expert. He opened your eyes. What do you say about him?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

18–19 The Jews didn’t believe it, didn’t believe the man was blind to begin with. So they called the parents of the man now bright-eyed with sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? So how is it that he now sees?”

- 20–23** His parents said, “We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind. But we don’t know how he came to see – haven’t a clue about who opened his eyes. Why don’t you ask him? He’s a grown man and can speak for himself.” (His parents were talking like this because they were intimidated by the Jewish leaders, who had already decided that anyone who took a stand that this was the Messiah would be kicked out of the meeting place. That’s why his parents said, “Ask him. He’s a grown man.”)
- 24** They called the man back a second time – the man who had been blind – and told him, “Give credit to God. We know this man is an impostor.”
- 25** He replied, “I know nothing about that one way or the other. But I know one thing for sure: I was blind . . . I now see.”
- 26** They said, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
- 27** “I’ve told you over and over and you haven’t listened. Why do you want to hear it again? Are you so eager to become his disciples?”
- 28–29** With that they jumped all over him. “You might be a disciple of that man, but we’re disciples of Moses. We know for sure that God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this man even comes from.”
- 30–33** The man replied, “This is amazing! You claim to know nothing about him, but the fact is, he opened my eyes! It’s well known that God isn’t at the beck and call of sinners, but listens carefully to anyone who lives in reverence and does his will. That someone opened the eyes of a man born blind has never been heard of – ever.

If this man didn't come from God, he wouldn't be able to do anything."

34 They said, "You're nothing but dirt! How dare you take that tone with us!" Then they threw him out in the street.

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and went and found him. He asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 The man said, "Point him out to me, sir, so that I can believe in him."

37 Jesus said, "You're looking right at him. Don't you recognize my voice?"

38 "Master, I believe," the man said, and worshiped him.

39 Jesus then said, "I came into the world to bring everything into the clear light of day, making all the distinctions clear, so that those who have never seen will see, and those who have made a great pretense of seeing will be exposed as blind."

40 Some Pharisees overheard him and said, "Does that mean you're calling us blind?"

41 Jesus said, "If you were really blind, you would be blameless, but since you claim to see everything so well, you're accountable for every fault and failure."

Psalters

Common Worship

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Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place * and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**
- 4 You encompass me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, * so high that I cannot attain it.**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit? * Or where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me, * your right hand hold me fast.**

10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me * and the light around me turn to night,”

11 Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; * marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

14 My frame was not hidden from you, * when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; * already in your book were all my members written,

16 As day by day they were fashioned * when as yet there was none of them.

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! * How great is the sum of them!

18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, * and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

19 O that you would slay the wicked, O God, * that the bloodthirsty might depart from me!

20 They speak against you with wicked intent; * your enemies take up your name for evil.

21 Do I not oppose those, O Lord, who oppose you? * Do I not abhor those who rise up against you?

- 22** I hate them with a perfect hatred; * they have become my own enemies also.
- 23** Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and examine my thoughts.
- 24** See if there is any way of wickedness in me * and lead me in the way everlasting.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

[Or] Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever.

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Day 29. Morning Prayer.

Domine, probasti

- 1** O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

- 2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.**
- 3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.**
- 4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.**
- 6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence?**
- 7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;**
- 9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.**
- 10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned to day.**
- 11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike.**
- 12 For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.**
- 14 My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.**

- 15** Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect:
and in thy book were all my members written;
- 16** Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there
was none of them.
- 17** How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how
great is the sum of them!
- 18** If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand:
when I wake up I am present with thee.
- 19** Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God: depart from me,
ye blood-thirsty men.
- 20** For they speak unrighteously against thee: and thine
enemies take thy Name in vain.
- 21** Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee: and am not
I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
- 22** Yea, I hate them right sore: even as though they were
mine enemies.
- 23** Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove
me, and examine my thoughts.
- 24** Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me: and
lead me in the way everlasting.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.**