**Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17 and John 3:1-21

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**Psalter 216: 1, 2**

In thy heritage the heathen O how long against Thy people

Now, O God, triumphant stand; Shall Thy anger burn, O Lord?

They defile Thy holy temple, On Thy enemies, the heathen,

They destroy Thy chosen land; Be Thy indignation poured;

Ruthless, they have slain Thy servants, Smite the kingdoms that defy Thee,

They have caused Thy saints to mourn, Calling not upon Thy Name;

In the sight of all about us They have long devoured Thy people,

We endure reproach and scorn. And have swept Thy land with flame.

**Psalter 400: 3**

Happy is the man that choses,

Israel’s God to be his aid;

He is blest whose hope of blessing

On the Lord his God is stayed.

**Psalter 12: 1-4**

1. **3.**

Lord, rebuke me not in anger Pity, Lord, my sad condition,

Chastened sore I waste away; I am weary and distressed;

Pity my distress and hear me;, Many adversaries vex me,

Lord, how long wilt Thou delay? Weeping, I can find no rest.

1. **4.**

Come, O Lord, my soul deliver, Now the foes that seek to harm me,

In Thy lovingkindness save. Quickly put to shame, shall flee

Shall the dead Thy name remember? For the Lord hath heard my weeping,

Who shall praise Thee in the grave? And He will regard my plea

**Psalter 420: 5**

Let God be praised with reverence deep; He daily comes our lives to steep

In bounties freely given. God cares for us, our God is He;

Who would not fear His majesty In earth as well as heaven?

Our God upholds us in the strife; To us He grants eternal live,

And saves from desolation He hears the needy when they cry

He saves their souls when death draws nigh, This God is our salvation.

**Psalter 277: 1 – 3**

O praise and bless the Lord, my soul,

His wondrous love proclaim;

Join heart and voice and all my powers

To bless His holy Name.

O praise and bless the Lord, my soul,

And ever thankful be;

Forget not all the benefits

He has bestowed on thee.

He freely pardons al thy sins,

And He is strong to save;

He heals Thy sickness, soothes thy pain,

And ransoms from the grave.