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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter, Week II

Evening Prayer I

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. A great crowd gathered around Jesus, and they had nothing to eat. He called his disciples and said: I have compassion on all these people.

Prayer

Father of everlasting goodness,
our origin and guide,
be close to us
and hear the prayers of all who praise you.
Forgive our sins and restore us to life.
Keep us safe in your love.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Office of Readings

FIRST READING

From the beginning of the book
of the prophet Amos 1: 1—2: 3

The Lord's judgment on the nations

The words of Amos, a shepherd from Tekoa, which he received in vision concerning Israel, in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake:

The Lord will roar from Zion,
and from Jerusalem raise his voice:

The pastures of the shepherds will languish,
and the summit of Carmel wither.

Thus says the Lord:

For three crimes of Damascus, and for four,

I will not revoke my word;

Because they threshed Gilead

with sledges of iron,

I will send fire upon the house of Hazael,

to devour the castles of Ben-hadad.

I will break the bar of Damascus;

I will root out those who live in the Valley of Aven,

And the sceptered ruler of Beth-eden;

the people of Aram shall be exiled to Kir,

says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord:

For three crimes of Gaza, and for four,

I will not revoke my word;

Because they took captive whole groups

to hand over to Edom,

I will send fire upon the wall of Gaza,

to devour her castles;

I will root out those who live in Ashdod,

and the sceptered ruler of Ashkelon;

I will turn my hand against Ekron,

and the last of the Philistines shall perish,

says the Lord God.

Thus says the Lord:

For three crimes of Tyre, and for four,

I will not revoke my word;

Because they delivered whole groups captive to Edom,

and did not remember the pact of brotherhood,

I will send fire upon the wall of Tyre,

to devour her castles.

Thus says the Lord:
For three crimes of Edom, and for four,
I will not revoke my word;
Because he pursued his brother with the sword,
choking up all pity;
Because he persisted in his anger
and kept his wrath to the end,
I will send fire upon Teman,
and it will devour the castles of Bozrah.

Thus says the Lord:
For three crimes of the Ammonites, and for four,
I will not revoke my word;
Because they ripped open expectant mothers in Gilead,
while extending their territory.
I will kindle a fire upon the wall of Rabbah,
and it will devour her castles
Amid clamor on the day of battle
and stormwind in a time of tempest.
Their king shall go into captivity,
he and his princes with him, says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord:
For three crimes of Moab, and for four,
I will not revoke my word;
Because he burned to ashes
the bones of Edom's king,
I will send fire upon Moab,
to devour the castles of Kerioth;
Moab shall meet death amid uproar
and shouts and trumpet blasts.
I will root out the judge from her midst,
and her princes I will slay with him, says the Lord.