



Sunday

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 95:1-7

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD ! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
3 For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods.4 He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains.5 The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too.6 Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,7 for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care. If only you would listen to his voice today!

Questions for Consideration:

- The season of Lent provides us an opportunity to consider the meaning of the worship of God. Reflect on the distinction, though not rigid, between praise and worship. We worship God for *who he is*. We praise God for all *he has done*.
- Reflect on the danger of worshiping God only for what he has done for us.
- Lent is a time to examine our lives and ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse us from all that is idolatrous. The ancient Hebrews were tempted to elevate created things to the realm of worship. What form does that temptation assume today?

Prayer:

O LORD GOD, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who makes and keeps covenant, who is Creator and Redeemer, the Help of all who flee to you, the Hope of all who cry to you, we worship you. "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of (your) glory." Heal our waywardness and rebuke our inattention; by the aid of your grace, enable us to present ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to you as our true and joyous worship, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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