

June 25, 2017

A reading from Jeremiah

All Services

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 69

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

**L: ⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.**

**C: ⁸I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

**L: ⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.**

**C: ¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.**

**L: ¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.**

**C: ¹²I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

**L: ¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.**

**C: With your faithful help ¹⁴rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.**

**L: ¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.**

**C: ¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

**L: ¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.**

**C: ¹⁸Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.**