

October 8, 2017

A reading from Isaiah

All Services

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 80

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

**L: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

C: ⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

**L: ⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.**

C: ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;

**L: ¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.**

C: ¹²Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

**L: ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.**

C: ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,

L: ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted.