

READINGS LENT 5

Psalm I

Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers
**but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.
**Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?