

Readings for Sunday, March 17, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
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758 PSALTER

Psalm 27

RESPONSE (General)

Ps. 36:9  
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For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

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- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**
- 2 When evildoers assail me,  
to devour my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes  
shall stumble and fall.
- 3 **Though a host encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.**
- 4 One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in the Lord's temple. R**

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- <sup>5</sup> The Lord will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble,  
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,  
and will set me high upon a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> **And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies round about me;  
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent  
with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord. R**
- <sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!
- <sup>8</sup> **"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face."  
Your face, O Lord, I seek.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
for you have been my help.
- <sup>10</sup> **Cast me not off, forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother should forsake me,  
the Lord would take me up. R**
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord;  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.
- <sup>12</sup> **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.**
- <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!
- <sup>14</sup> **Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage.  
Wait for the Lord! R**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians:**

<sup>17</sup>Keep on imitating me, my friends. Pay attention to those who follow the right example that we have set for you. <sup>18</sup>I have told you this many times before, and now I repeat it with tears: there are many whose lives make them enemies of Christ's death on the cross. <sup>19</sup>They are going to end up in hell, because their god is their bodily desires. They are proud of what they

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should be ashamed of, and they think only of things that belong to this world. <sup>20</sup>We, however, are citizens of heaven, and we eagerly wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come from heaven. <sup>21</sup>He will change our weak mortal bodies and make them like his own glorious body, using that power by which he is able to bring all things under his rule. So then, my friends, how dear you are to me and how I miss you! How happy you make me, and how proud I am of you!—this, dear friends, is how you should stand firm in your life in the Lord.

### **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

<sup>31</sup>At that same time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “You must get out of here and go somewhere else, because Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell that fox: ‘I am driving out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I shall finish my work.’ <sup>33</sup>Yet I must be on my way today, tomorrow, and the next day; it is not right for a prophet to be killed anywhere except in Jerusalem.

<sup>34</sup>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets, you stone the messengers God has sent you! How many times I wanted to put my arms around all your people, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not let me! <sup>35</sup>And so your Temple will be abandoned. I assure you that you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**