

Monday, May 18

Acts 16:11-15

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.
5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

John 15:26-16:4

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.