

BIBLE READINGS - September 23, 2023
Revised Standard Version

Psalm 145:1-8

The Greatness and the Goodness of God

A Song of Praise. Of David.

145 I will extol thee, my God and King, and bless thy name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will bless thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of thy majesty, and on thy wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ Men shall proclaim the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of thy abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Jonah's Anger

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the Lord and said, "I pray thee, LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil. ³ Therefore now, O Lord, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.

Jonah Is Reproved

⁶ And the LORD God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nin'evah, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"