

## Scripture for 5 November 2023

### Psalm 107

Response *Antiphon: Marty Haugen, 1994*

Con - sid - er the stead - fast love of God.

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<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to God, for God is good;  
for God's steadfast love endures  
forever.

<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to God in their trouble,  
and God delivered them from their  
distress;

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of God say so,  
those whom God redeemed from  
trouble

<sup>7</sup>God led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and the west, from the  
north and the south. ℣

<sup>8</sup>Let them thank God for God's steadfast  
love,  
for God's wonderful works to  
humankind.

<sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes, finding  
no way to an inhabited town;  
<sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted  
within them.

<sup>9</sup>For God satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry God fills with good  
things. ℣

### 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 tens of 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?

## **Matthew 5: 1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.