

Daily Office Readings for 2 September 2020

Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18

- ¹O God, do \not be silent; *
do not keep still nor hold your \peace, O God;
- ²for your enemies \are in tumult, *
and those who hate you have lifted \up their heads.
- ³They take secret counsel a-\gainst your people *
and plot against those whom \you protect.
- ⁴They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from a-\mong the nations; *
let the name of Israel be remem-\bered no more."
- ¹³O my God, make them like \whirling dust * a
nd like chaff be-\fore the wind;
- ¹⁴Like fire that burns \down a forest, *
like the flame that sets moun-\tains ablaze.
- ¹⁵Drive them \with your tempest *
and terrify them \with your storm;
- ¹⁶Cover their faces with \shame, O Lord, *
that they may \seek your name.
- ¹⁷Let them be disgraced and terri-\fied for ever; *
let them be put to confu-\sion and perish.
- ¹⁸Let them know that you, whose \name is Yahweh, *
you alone are the Most High over \all the earth.

Matthew 12:22-32

22 Then they brought to Jesus a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. ²³All the crowds were amazed and said, 'Can this be the Son of David?' ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.' ²⁵He knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²⁹Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. ³⁰Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.