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### Lectionary 31

#### Isaiah 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, **you** rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, **you** people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of **your** sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup> When **you** come to appear before me, who asked this from **your** hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup> **Your** new moons and **your** appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When **you** stretch out **your** hands, I will hide my eyes from **you**; even though **you** make many prayers, I will not listen; **your** hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of **your** doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though **your** sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

#### Psalm 32:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. <sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Grace to **you** and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for **you**, brothers and sisters, as is right, because **your** faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of **you** for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of **you** among the churches of God for **your** steadfastness and faith during all **your** persecutions and the afflictions that **you** are enduring. <sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for **you**, asking that our God will make **you** worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in **you**, and **you** in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it.<sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.