

The fifteenth Day at Evening Prayer

PSALM 78 *Attendite, popule*

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HEAR MY law, / O my people; * incline your ears unto the / words of my mouth.

2. I will open my / mouth in a parable; * I will declare hard / sentences of old;

3. Which / we have heard and known, * and such as our fa/thers have told us;

4. That we should not hide them from the children of the gene/rations to come; * but to show the honor of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful / works that he hath done.

5. He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave / Israel a law, * which he commanded our forefathers to / teach their children;

6. That their posteri/ty might know it, * and the children / which were yet unborn;

7. To the intent that / when they came up, * they might show their / children the same;

8. That they might / put their trust in God; * and not to forget the works of God, but to keep / his commandments;

9. And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn / generation; * a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit clave not stead/fastly unto God;

10. Like as the / children of Ephraim; * who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the / day of battle.

11. They kept not the / covenant of God, * and would not / walk in his law;

12. But for/gat what he had done, * and the wonderful works that / he had showed for them.

13. Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the / land of Egypt, * even in the / field of Zoan.

14. He divided the sea, and / let them go through; * he made the waters to / stand on an heap.

15. In the day-time also he / led them with a cloud, * and all the night through / with a light of fire.



16. He clave the hard / rocks in the wilderness, * and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out / of the great depth.
17. He brought waters / out of the stony rock, * so that it gushed out / like the rivers.
18. Yet for all this they sinned / more against him, * and provoked the Most Highest / in the wilderness.
19. They tempted / God in their hearts, * and required / meat for their lust.
20. They spake against God / also, saying, * Shall God prepare a table / in the wilderness?
21. He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, † and the / streams flowed withal; * but can he give bread also, or provide flesh / for his people?
22. When the Lord / heard this, he was wroth; * so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure / against Israel;
23. Because they be/lieved not in God, * and put not their / trust in his help.
24. So he com/manded the clouds above, * and opened the / doors of heaven.
25. He rained down manna also u/pon them for to eat, * and gave them / food from heaven.
26. So man did / eat angels' food; * for he / sent them meat enough.
27. He caused the east-wind to / blow under heaven; * and through his power he brought / in the southwest-wind.
28. He rained flesh upon / them as thick as dust, * and feathered fowls like as the / sand of the sea.
29. He let it / fall among their tents, * even round about their / habitation.
30. So they did eat, and were well filled; † for he gave / them their own desire: * they were not disap/pointed of their lust.
31. But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, † and slew the / wealthiest of them; * yea, and smote down the chosen men that / were in Israel.



32. But for all / this they sinned yet more, * and believed / not his wondrous works.
33. Therefore their days did he con/sume in vanity, * and their / years in trouble.
34. When he / slew them, they sought him, * and turned them early, and in/quired after God.
35. And they remembered that / God was their strength, * and that the High God was / their redeemer.
36. Nevertheless, they did but / flatter him with their mouth, * and dissembled with / him in their tongue.
37. For their heart / was not whole with him, * neither continued they steadfast / in his covenant.
38. But he was so merciful, that he for/gave their misdeeds, * - / and destroyed them not.
39. Yea, many a time / turned he his wrath away, * and would not suffer his whole dis/pleasure to arise.
40. For he considered that / they were but flesh, * and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and / cometh not again.
41. Many a time did they provoke him / in the wilderness, * and grieved him / in the desert.
42. They turned / back, and tempted God, * and provoked the Holy / One in Israel.
43. They / thought not of his hand, * and of the day when he delivered them from the hand / of the enemy;
44. How he had wrought his mira/cles in Egypt, * and his wonders in the / field of Zoan.
45. He turned their / waters into blood, * so that they might not drink / of the rivers.
46. He sent flies among them, / and devoured them up; * and frogs / to destroy them.
47. He gave their fruit unto the / caterpillar, * and their labor un/to the grasshopper.
48. He destroyed their / vines with hailstones, * and their mulberry / trees with the frost.



49. He smote their cattle al/so with hailstones, * and their flocks / with hot thunderbolts.
50. He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, dis/pleasure, and trouble; * and sent evil an/gels among them.
51. He made a way to his indignation, † and spared / not their soul from death; * but gave their life over / to the pestilence;
52. And smote all the / firstborn in Egypt, * the most principal and mightiest in the / dwellings of Ham.
53. But as for his own people, he / led them forth like sheep, * and carried them in the wild/erness like a flock.
54. He brought them out safely, that / they should not fear, * and overwhelmed their en/emies with the sea.
55. And brought them within the borders of his / sanctuary, * even to this mountain, which he purchased / with his right hand.
56. He cast out the heathen / also before them, * caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to / dwell in their tents.
57. Yet they tempted and dis/pleased the Most High God, * and kept not his / testimonies.
58. They turned their backs, and fell away / like their forefathers; * starting aside / like a broken bow.
59. For they grieved him / with their hill-altars, * and provoked him to displeasure / with their images.
60. When God / heard this, he was wroth, * and took sore displea/sure at Israel;
61. So that he forsook the taber/nacle in Shiloh, * even the tent that he had / pitched among men.
62. He delivered their power in/to captivity, * and their beauty into the / enemy's hand.
63. He gave his people over al/so unto the sword, * and was wroth with / his inheritance.
64. The fire con/sumed their young men, * and their maidens were not gi/ven in marriage.
65. Their priests were / slain with the sword, * and there were no widows to make / lamentation.



66. So the Lord awaked as / one out of sleep, * and like a gi/ant
refreshed with wine.
67. He drave his / enemies backward, * and put them to a per/petual
shame.
68. He refused the taber/nacle of Joseph, * and chose not the / tribe of
Ephraim;
69. But chose the / tribe of Judah, * even the hill of / Zion which he
loved.
70. And there he built his / temple on high, * and laid the foundation
of it like the ground which he hath / made continually.
71. He chose David / also his servant, * and took him away / from the
sheep-folds:
72. As he was following the ewes with their / young he took him, *
that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel / his inheritance.
73. So he fed them with a / faithful and true heart, * and ruled them
prudently with / all his power.
- Glory be to the / Father and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world /
without end. Amen.