

Thought for the Day – Tuesday 11th May 2021

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Today I would like to share the first and last of David's Crown – which are based on Psalm 1 and Psalm 150.

Psalm 1 : I Beatus vir qui non abiit

Come to the place where every breath is praise,
And God is breathing through each passing breeze,
Be planted by the waterside and raise

Your arms with Christ beneath these rooted trees,
Who lift their breathing leaves up to the skies.
Be rooted too, as still and strong as these,

Open alike to sun and rain. Arise
From meditation by these waters. Bear
The fruit of that deep rootedness. Be wise

In the trees' long wisdom. Learn to share
The secret of their patience. Pass the day
In their green fastness and their quiet air.

Slowly discern a life, a truth, a way,
Where simple being flowers in delight
Then let the chaff of life just blow away.

Psalm 150: CL Laudate Dominum

For buried seeds the time has come to flower,
To blossom into victory and praise,
So praise God in his firmament of power

Whose only power is love: the power to raise
The dead to life, the power to restore
The lost, and turn our own lament to praise.

Oh praise him in his noble acts and for
His great redemption. Praise him with the sound
Of trumpets. Tune your music at the door

He is about to open. Beat the ground
With light and loosened feet, for all his ways
Are glory, and all places hallowed ground.

So come and bring him all your nights and days
And come into his courts with joyful song.
Come to the place where every breath is praise.

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Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
What would you like to praise the Lord for?