Psalms 95

A Call to Worship and Obedience

[1]O come, let us sing to the LORD;
    let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
[2]Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
    let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
[3]For the LORD is a great God,
    and a great King above all gods.
[4]In his hand are the depths of the earth;
    the heights of the mountains are his also.
[5]The sea is his, for he made it,
    and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
[6]O come, let us worship and bow down,
    let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
[7]For he is our God,
    and we are the people of his pasture,
    and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

The Judgement of the Nations

[31]'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

[37]Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
[38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked
and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?” [40]And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as
you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you
did it to me.” [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not
visit me.” [44]Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take
care of you?” [45]Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did
not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” [46]And these
will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’