

Weekday Reflection for Monday, June 21, 2021

Exodus 7:14-24 **Acts 27:13-38** **Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.



For reflection:

In this psalm of praise, the writer declares that “we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house...” What do you need to be satisfied?

The psalmist extols the bounty that God brings. How do you reconcile the growing gaps between rich and poor with the idea that God provides so bountifully?

Prayer:

Almighty Creator, you have filled the earth with a superabundance of good things. So reign in our hearts that we seek a just allotment of your bounty for all your children. Amen.