

# Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*(from New International Version bible)*

## Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup> In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. <sup>2</sup> I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. <sup>6</sup> Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. <sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. <sup>10</sup> All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

## A reading from Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup> "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." <sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

# A reading from Hebrews 11:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.