

A Reflection upon Psalm 95 – November 18, 2017
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“All the trees of the forest will exult before the face of the Lord, for he has come,
he has come to judge the earth.”

Jesus himself declared, "Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds. Hereafter means that he will come at some future time, and as Christians we are called to be alert and be prepared at all times. We are to be free of anxiety. Augustine says, "For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear his coming? He will come whether we wish it or not."

When he comes let him find us rejoicing.

"He will judge the world with equity and the people's in his truth." What are equity and Truth? It is equitable that we be judged with mercy according to the mercy we have shown to our fellow creatures.

The writings of Augustine on the Psalms ties in very well with the book of the prophet Joel. Even though God destroyed the land in his wrath, he relented and restored the land and restored Israel. The psalms show forth God's mercy. God will reckon to us our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. For what have we that we have not received? The sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, charity. We shall then wait without fear the coming of the judge who will judge the world in equity and the people's in his truth.

Our recent readings in the Liturgy are pointing to the end times and our preparedness for these events. We know not the day or the hour so we must be awake and alert.