

## 2 January (2)

Genesis 3|4, Psalms 3|4|5, Matthew 3|4



### **The voice crying**

Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: (G 4:4). Cain's offering was not respected. 'And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood cries unto me from the ground. (G4:8-10) Abel was replaced by Seth. 'To Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of Yahweh.' (G 4:26)

David was in danger when he fled from Absalom his son, 'LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.' (P 3:1-4). David wrote, 'Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. . know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD' (P 4:1-5) like Abel.

John the Baptist, preaching 'Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. .. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said ..Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (M 3:1-8) as to Cain. As Jesus was baptized they heard, 'a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' (M3:16-17)