

## Psalm 18:6-19

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading for November 12, 2023  
*(found on page 497 of our pew Bibles)*

- 6 In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
to my God I cried for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.
- 7 Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- 9 He bowed the heavens, and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 He rode on a cherub, and flew;  
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his covering around him,  
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.
- 12 Out of the brightness before him  
there broke through his clouds  
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice.
- 14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.
- 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- 16 He reached down from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of mighty waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from those who hated me;  
for they were too mighty for me.
- 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity;  
but the Lord was my support.
- 19 He brought me out into a broad place;  
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.