**Readings for Lamastide Saturday**

**Leviticus 25.1, 8-17**

**The Sabbatical Year**

25The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying:

**The Year of Jubilee**

8 You shall count off seven weeks[\*](javascript:void(0);) of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years.9Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land.10And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family.11That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines.12For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

13 In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property.14When you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not cheat one another.15When you buy from your neighbour, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop-years.16If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you.17You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

**Psalm 67**

**The Nations Called to Praise God**

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.  
1 May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
*Selah*  
2 that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
*Selah*  
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
7 May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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**Matthew 14.1-12**

**The Death of John the Baptist**

14At that time Herod the ruler[\*](javascript:void(0);) heard reports about Jesus;2and he said to his servants, ‘This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.’3For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,[\*](javascript:void(0);)4because John had been telling him, ‘It is not lawful for you to have her.’5Though Herod[\*](javascript:void(0);) wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.6But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod7so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask.8Prompted by her mother, she said, ‘Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.’9The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given;10he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.11The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother.12His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.