



Sermon on the Mount

Ordinary Time — Week 1

Prayer Services based on The Sermon on the Mount

Why a prayer book for the Church of God?

The modern Church of God has lost all semblance of worship in their assemblies and convocations. With very few exceptions, when they come together for the Sabbath or Holy Days, the format is nearly always the same as that created by Herbert W. Armstrong for the Radio Church of God (later the Worldwide Church of God). Services begin with two or three hymns, then a prayer, followed by the sermonette, another hymn, the sermon itself, a final hymn and ending with a prayer.

The people in attendance participate little in these so-called worship services, other than in the singing of the hymns. There is no biblical precedent for these types of services; and there is nothing in the history of ancient Israel or in ancient Judaism from which to create this model either. Rather, this form of service grows out from the need of the leaders of the church to maintain absolute control and to elevate themselves above the brethren.

They claim to be following the instructions of Paul in the New Testament regarding the deacons and elders of the churches, but it is faulty understanding of the roles of these men that has led to the present day worship model. There is not room in this brief introduction to explore the roles of deacons, deaconesses, elders, or the other offices established by Paul, but suffice it to say, their primary jobs were that of planning, organization, and maintaining order. They were not preachers in the sense that we know that word today; they were servants to the flock.

The Apostolic Church did not assemble together to listen to sermons delivered by a leader or cadre of leaders. When they came together, everyone was free to participate, but Paul admonishes them in Corinthians to do it in an orderly fashion. This is not to say they never listened to a speaker deliver a message. It happened all the time when visiting apostles were in attendance and from among people of their own congregations, including the elders, but usually included a significant amount of time in questions and answers, and a free give and take among those gathered. However, even before the death of all the apostles, men were rising up in the congregations and establishing themselves as leaders, even putting out of the church brethren who didn't comply with their rule (3 John 10).

The history of the Christian Church gives evidence to how far this model for worship services has spread. Every congregation now has an "ordained" minister or pastor over the flock. But it seems the modern Church of God

have been the ones who have taken the model to its extreme, where only the head pastor and his hand-picked deacons and elders can speak in the assemblies. Everyone else must sit, all facing forward, and listen. Their only form of participation has become standing up, singing a song, and sitting down.

This is not how God desires his people to worship him. While it is better than nothing at all, it still fails to engage the people in true worship of their Lord.

The Tabernacle as Model

God gave detailed instructions in the Old Testament for the construction of the tabernacle, the outfitting of that tabernacle, the clothing of the priests who were to serve in the tabernacle, and the ways they were to live and function. The entire tribe of Levi was set apart to be priests and the family of Aaron was selected as the high priests, the only ones who could enter the holy of holies at that time. But all the priests had jobs and functions in the tabernacle that they performed daily on a rotating schedule.

Until the fall of the temple in 70 AD, one of the major roles of the priesthood was the sacrifice of animals on the altar. These sacrifices were for a variety of different reasons, but nearly all were performed on the behalf of the people. Without a serious study of this subject (which we can't do here for space considerations), it might appear that today's church structure and organization is following this model, minus the animal sacrifices.

But, there is an element missing in today's church, whether we are talking of the mainstream Christian Church or the Churches of God. That element is the fact that God says that ALL of his chosen people will be priests of the most high.

Revelation 20:6 ESV

6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but **they will be priests of God** and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

This means that we all need to learn to function as priests and offer up our sacrifices (in the form of prayer and worship) to God

daily. That role is not being fulfilled by sitting and listening to a sermon delivered every week by the leaders of the church. As priests ourselves, we need to become engaged in the worship of our God. Now is our time of training in preparation for Christ's return when we will reign with him for a thousand years.

The tabernacle in the wilderness was only the model that served for the time it was needed. The temple was constructed (and re-constructed) on the same model. When the temple period ended, the spiritual temple became constructed within God's chosen people, but on the same model God gave at Mt. Sinai. Only now, the sacrifices are of the lips in the form of prayer and worship (Hosea 14:2).

Hosea 14:2 NKJV

2 Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive *us* graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips."

If we are to take WORDS and offer the SACRIFICES of our LIPS, what else could it be but prayer and worship? It certainly does not mean kissing someone's ring, literally or figuratively. It is not something that is left only to the leadership, but something of which each and every one of us is called upon to participate.

The most important thing to remember here is that the tabernacle and all that follows, were modeled on the tabernacle in heaven. That is why God instructed Moses to see that it was done exactly as God said it should be.

Hebrews 8:5 ESV

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

That first physical model was so important, and is why such a large portion of the scripture is devoted to it. It was an image of God's tabernacle in heaven. It set the stage, in a physical world, for all that was to follow and what is yet to come.

A Model in Heaven

The priests did more than animal sacrifices. They were responsible for the maintenance of the tabernacle, the candlesticks, and the table of showbread. They offered prayers, including the singing and chanting of psalms. Later, when the scriptures were written down, they read from the scriptures. But these things were not done in isolation, away from the eyes of the people.

Every day, for both the morning and evening sacrifices, people came to the tabernacle (or temple) with their sacrifices as well. They sang and prayed to their God before the altar of burnt offerings, evidenced by the high priest offering a blessing on the people at the end of the services each day (Num. 6:24-26).

The Psalms, themselves, are evidence of ancient Israel's worship of their God. The Psalms were recited, sung, and chanted. We only have 150 of the Psalms recorded. It is hard to say how many may have become lost with the passage of time before they were written down.

In the scriptures, God has allowed us few glimpses into the tabernacle in heaven, but from what we have been shown through the visions of Ezekiel and John, praise and worship of God is going on continually. The elders before the throne of God are shown to fall down in worship and adoration, as well as the multitudes and multitudes of angels. *This is the model that we have been given.*

The evidence of the people's participation in worship in past generations is abundant in the pages of scripture, both the Old and the New Testaments. Even the mainstream Christian Church has maintained the daily offerings of prayer throughout its history. It was only with the Reformation and the birth of Protestantism that it became relegated to one day a week.

With the revival of the Church of God in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the liturgical aspects of the service were eliminated, primarily as a way to distance themselves from the apostate church. However, this has robbed the people of an important element of their walk with, and worship of, their God. In today's church the people are encouraged to pray privately every day and, to the church's credit, they are encouraged to study and dig

into the scriptures, but they are not offered any form of public or private worship.

The purpose of this series of prayer services for the Church of God is designed to remedy that lack. Nothing like this has ever been done before in the Church of God and will certainly be met with scorn by some and complete resistance by others. But for those who will accept them, hopefully they will be only a jumping off point for individuals to engage in their own private acts of worship. Some may look upon them as merely “crutches” and not true worship. That may be, but it is better to have a crutch to begin the healing process than to not be able to walk at all.

Structure of the Services

The services are primarily designed for individual or small group use. They are not offered as a new model for a Sabbath-day or Holy Day service. There are two services offered each day, a morning and an evening service, to comply with God’s command for the two daily sacrifices at the tabernacle. Each service is less than a half hour, depending on how long one engages in the intercessory prayers. Each service is composed of basically three parts — ***praise***, ***listening*** and ***speaking***. The first consists of elements of praise to God, the second of reading and studying his word, and the last is the offering of our prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, our communities, the church, and the world at large.

The elements of the services are heavily scripture based. Nearly all statements, words of praise, and lead-ins to the various sections are drawn straight from scripture. Sometimes elements are carried throughout an entire week; at other times, all the elements change to match the time of year.

The series is made up of small booklets, usually consisting of only one or two weeks of services, and they are all designed around God’s calendar. As the series is still being written, we only have booklets for the time between the Holy Days completed at this time. The goal is to complete each section prior to each season throughout this year (2008-2009).

When finished the series will include:

Passover — From Nissan 1 (Abib 1), or New Year's Day, through the 14th of the first month.

Days of Unleavened Bread — From the 15th through the 21st of the first month.

Counting the Omer — One booklet with seven days of services to be rotated throughout the seven weeks leading into Pentecost.

Pentecost — One booklet with two weeks of services, to be used during the weeks following Pentecost.

Ordinary Time — Four booklets each containing one week of services, written on a major theme from the Bible. The time between the Holy Days we are calling "ordinary time" and flows from Pentecost until the fall festivals and is repeated again at the end of the year from the Eighth Day (Last Great Day) until New Year's Day comes again the following spring. These booklets are designed to be rotated through that time frame. (Other booklets may be added at a later date).

Heshuvah — One booklet with seven days of services to be rotated through the month of Elul, known by some as the month of repentance leading up to the Feast of Trumpets. This booklet is designed for those who observe this time. For others, they would continue with the booklets called "Ordinary Time."

Fall Festivals — One booklet with two weeks of services to cover the period from the Feast of Trumpets, through the Day of Atonement and up to the Feast of Tabernacles. The first 10 days are known as the "Days of Awe."

Feast of Tabernacles — One booklet with services for eight days to cover the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day (the Last Great Day).

How to Use the Booklets

Some of the booklets are laid out from the 1st Day of the Week through the Sabbath. Others are listed as the actual day, such as

Nissan 1, or Tishri 1. In any given year, depending on when the days fall, it will be easy to move from one set of booklets to another. If the first day of Ordinary Time falls on a Wednesday, you would merely begin your service on the Wednesday of the first booklet. Likewise with the booklets that are laid out with the actual dates. When that day arrives, regardless of your place in another booklet, you would merely move to the appropriate booklet of services for the time.

If holding the services for a small group, assign a leader for the service, preferably a different person each time. Women may serve as leaders in this instance, as these services are not a form of “teaching” or assuming any kind of authority over the brethren or the church. However, if that is too hard for you, then do what your conscience dictates. The leader reads the elements that appear in regular type face and the group responds with the elements that appear in bold face italic. If holding a service alone, the individual reads all the parts, either silently or out loud.

Music is available to accompany all the hymns, either in the form of piano accompaniment or, in some cases, full choral arrangements. All may be found at www.soundatrumpet.com/sabbathservices.htm. The full blue and the full burgundy hymnals of the Church of God are available in piano accompaniment and many from the purple hymnal are available in choral arrangements.

In Conclusion

To create these prayer services for the Church of God, several prayer books from other organizations were studied for format, nature of the devotion, content, purpose, and style. Included were the four-volume *The Divine Hours* by Phyllis Tickle, a set of Catholic prayerbooks; *The Book of Common Prayer*, the 1979 Anglican edition, the standard from which all other churches seem to begin; the prayer books of the Anabaptist and Mennonite church; the Worship Books of the Methodist, the Presbyterian, and the United Church of Christ churches; and the *Siddur* of the Jewish synagogue services.

Elements from all have influenced the compilations of these prayer books for the Church of God. However, the decision to keep most elements in their original form straight from the scriptures themselves was predicated on the need to avoid all statements or

illusions to doctrinal teachings that are not biblical — such as the Trinity, the reward of a good life being an immediate escort to heaven, Jesus Christ as the object of our worship, and more.

The use of terms that smack of “churchianity” have been avoided wherever possible. Don’t be alarmed by the few that still remain. For example, a *Canticle* is simply scripture that can be read, sung or chanted, and is often an element that may be repeated several days in a row. We have retained the word for lack of a better one. The *Benediction* merely means the blessing at the end of the service. All services end with the same blessing the High Priest gave in the temple in ancient Israel (Num. 6:24-26).

May God bless this project and any of his chosen people who will approach it with open and loving hearts.

Ordinary Time

Sermon on the Mount

Week 1

Ordinary Time is a term most often found in mainstream Christianity and refers to the weeks that fall between the seasons of the year that are celebrated by the church. They begin their year in early December with Advent, leading to Christmas, followed by Epiphany, which flows into Lent and Easter. The Easter season is extended out to Pentecost. From Pentecost to Advent is known as Ordinary Time or the period between the Christian seasons — the “down time,” so to speak.

Those of us who observe God’s Calendar also have periods of time between the Holy Days that could be called the “down times,” or *Ordinary Time*, so we have borrowed the same term for this series of prayer books. The main difference, of course, is that Ordinary Time in God’s calendar occurs twice a year.

God’s calendar revolves around the harvest seasons. It begins in the spring on Abib 1 (Nissan 1) with New Year’s Day (usually in March or April). The Holy Day season begins with preparation for Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Wave Sheaf, and encompasses the 50-day count to Pentecost. From Pentecost until the New Moon of Elul (usually in August) is “down time” or Ordinary Time in God’s calendar.

The month of Elul is known by some as the month of repentance (or *Heshuvah*) leading into the Feast of Trumpets. For those who observe these days, we have included a prayer book for Heshuvah. For others who do not, that time period would still be counted as Ordinary Time.

From the Feast of Trumpets, through the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Eighth Day are Holy Days of God. From the Last Great Day (the Eighth Day), time returns to Ordinary or “down” time again throughout the remainder of the year until New Year’s Day comes again the following Spring.

For Ordinary Time we have prepared four weeks of morning and evening prayer services, each week revolving around a major biblical theme. The weeks are alternated through the time frame we are calling Ordinary Time.

The theme for the first week is the *Sermon on the Mount*, the second week is the *Fruits of the Spirit*, the third week addresses *The Ten Commandments*, and the final week is *Following In His Footsteps*.

As with all the other prayer books in this annual cycle series, these prayer services are designed for individual or small group use. There are two services per day offered to coincide with the command of God for the two daily sacrifices in the tabernacle — in the morning and in the evening. It is commonly held that those sacrifices occurred at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The schedule you choose to follow will be dependent on your own personal schedule and lifestyle, however, remember that God marks time from evening to evening, so if your evening service falls after dark, it is already the next day. You might want to adjust your reading and prayers to accommodate that timing, especially on the Sabbath.

The First Week — The Sermon on the Mount

For the first week, we drew on the Gospel of Matthew as the major text, dividing Jesus' discourse to his disciples into seven themes, one for each day of the week. Beginning with the Beatitudes on Day One, they are continued throughout the week in the Opening sentences and in the Intercessory Prayers.

The Canticles and hymns have been selected to reflect the overall message of the discourse throughout the week. Scripture readings span both the Old and the New Testament, drawing the message of each theme into sharper focus, tying it all together as a complete message for Spiritual Israel on how to live and become holy as God is holy.

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THE BEATITUDES

First Day of the Week (Sunday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Deuteronomy 7:7-11 ESV

- 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,
- 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

- 10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.
- 11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#15 (Blue)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song to Thee be raised;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God ever glorious evermore be praised.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God ever glorious, ever praise to Thee.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.***

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 5:3-12 ESV

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

James 4:5-10 ESV

- 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

- 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#176 (Blue)

Footsteps of Jesus

Mary B.C. Slade, 19th Cent.

Asa B. Everett, 19th Cent.

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, Come, follow me!
And we see where Thy footprints falling lead us to Thee.
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where e'er they go.

Tho' they lead o'er the cold, dark mountains, seeking His sheep,
Or along by Siloam's fountains, helping the weak,
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where e'er they go.

If they lead thro' the temple holy, preaching the word,
Or in homes of the poor and lowly, serving the Lord,
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where e'er they go.

Then at last, when on high He sees us, our journey done,
We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at His throne.
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where e'er they go.

Canticle

A Song of God's Grace

*The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.*

Ephesians 1:3-10 ESV

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love
5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ
10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Rejoice in the Lord always.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

God of the foolish and the despised, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for our neighbors.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

You refresh the spirits of the humble. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You remind us that those who welcome children welcome you. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You revive the hearts of the contrite. We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You choose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

God whose justice shines like the sun,
you bless all who seek first
your kingdom and righteousness.
Fill our hearts
with the spirit of the Beatitudes,
that we may live this day
in simplicity, mercy, and joy.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”***

Charge and Benediction

Now may the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead
our Messiah Jesus,
make us complete in everything good,
so that we may do God’s will,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

Num. 6:24-26

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First Day of the Week (Sunday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

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We Offer Him Praise

Praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 131:1-2 ESV](#)

- 1 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

#167 (Blue)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Frederick C. Maker, 1887

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives Thy service find
In deeper rev'rence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian Sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives
confess
the beauty of Thy peace

Breathe through the hearts of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire. Speak through the earthquake, wind
and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.
*Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.*

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 18:1-5 ESV

- 1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
- 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them
- 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ESV

- 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
- 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
- 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,
- 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.
- 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#199 (Blue)

Thy Perfect Will Be Done

T.O. Chisholm

George C. Stebbins, 1846-1945

Thy will, O God, not mine, be done! I know Thy will is best;
If, sometimes otherwise it seems, I still believe and rest.
Thy will is best, tis there I rest in shadow or in sun,
My prayer to Thee shall ever be: Thy perfect will be done.

Thy will, O god, not mine, be done! Choose Thou for me my way;
If I should try to walk alone, my feet would surely stray.
Thy will is best, tis there I rest in shadow or in sun,
My prayer to Thee shall ever be: Thy perfect will be done.

Thy will, O God, not mine, be done! I cannot see afar;
The things that lie beyond my sight Thou seest as they are.
Thy will is best, tis there I rest in shadow or in sun,
My prayer to Thee shall ever be: Thy perfect will be done.

Thy will, O God, not mine, be done! Whatever this may bring;
In trials, whether great or small, Thy will in ev'rything.
Thy will is best, tis there I rest in shadow or in sun,
My prayer to Thee shall ever be: Thy perfect will be done.

Canticle

A Song of the Blessed (The Beatitudes)

*Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.*

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5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

God of the foolish and the despised, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for our neighbors.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

You refresh the spirits of the humble. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You remind us that those who welcome children welcome you. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You revive the hearts of the contrite. We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You choose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

You bless the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

God of compassion and joy,
you bless all who hunger
for your righteousness.
Give us grace to endure testing
and be true to your kingdom,
that we may enjoy the life you bless.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."***

Charge and Benediction

Now may the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead

our Messiah Jesus,
make us complete in everything good,
so that we may do God's will,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Num. 6:24-26

ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

YOU ARE THE SALT AND THE LIGHT

Second Day of the Week (Monday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
*so shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.*

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

We let our light shine for the glory of God.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

John 12:35-36 ESV

35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#179 (Burgundy)

Send The Light

Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

There's a call comes ringing over the restless wave, "Send the light!
Send the light!"

There are souls to rescue there are souls to save, Send the light!
Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine, from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine forevermore!

We have heard the Macedonian call today, "Send the light!
Send the light!"

And a golden offering at His feet we lay, Send the light! Send the light!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine, from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine forevermore!

Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound, "Send the light!
Send the light!"

And a Christlike spirit everywhere be found, Send the light!
Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine, from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine forevermore!

Let us not grow weary in the work of love, "Send the light!
Send the light!"

Let us gather jewels for a crown above, Send the light! Send the light!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine, from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light; Let it shine forevermore!

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.***

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

- 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
- 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Revelation 7:13-17 ESV

- 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"
- 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#139 (Burgundy)

Give Of Your Best To The Master

Howard B. Grose, 1851-1939

Charlotte A. Barnard, 19th cent.

Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth.
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor Into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example, Dauntless was He, young and brave.
Give Him your loyal devotion; Give Him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth.
Clad in salvation's full armor, Join in the battle for truth.

Give of your best to the Master; Give Him first place in your heart.
Give Him first place in your service; Consecrate every part.
Give, and to you will be given; God His beloved Son gave.
Gratefully seeking to serve Him, Give Him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth.
Clad in salvation's full armor, Join in the battle for truth.

Give of your best to the Master; Naught else is worthy His love.
He gave Himself for your ransom, Gave up His glory above.
Laid down His life without murmur, You from sin's ruin to save.
Give Him your heart's adoration; Give Him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth.
Clad in salvation's full armor, Join in the battle for truth.

Canticle

A Song of God's Grace

***The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.***

Ephesians 1:3-10 ESV

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love
- 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
- 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
- 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
- 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ
- 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Rejoice in the Lord always.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

Comforting God, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for our neighbors.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

Your favor lasts through all our life. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

You promise that pain will turn to joy. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

You guide your people to springs of the water of life. We pray for the church in all places, that we may know the freedom of life in the Spirit.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

Your glory will shine over all the earth and sea. We pray for the world and for all who care for creation.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

Send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead us,
and bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;

that we may go to the altar of God,
to the God of our joy and gladness.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”***

Charge and Benediction

But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD; exult before him!

***The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

Num. 6:24-26

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Sermon on the Mount

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Second Day of the Week (Monday) — Evening Prayers

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Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

We let our light shine for the glory of God.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

*We strive to maintain our savor,
to the glory of God.*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 49:6 ESV

6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Isaiah 51:4 ESV

4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

#178 (Burgundy)

Praise God's Name!

Psalm 135

Dwight Armstrong

Hallelujah! Praise God's Name! Praise His Name, of whom you serve!
You who stand within God's house shall praise His Name within His courts!

Praise the Lord, for He is good; Sing your praises to His Name!
God has chosen for Himself, as His prized possession Israel.

God is great above all gods, What He pleases that He does;
In the heav'n and on the earth; in the seas and depths of oceans wide;
Raises mists o'er all the earth; Sends the lightning and the rain;
And in Egypt He it was struck the first born both of man and beast.

He sent signs and wonders great In the midst of Egypt's land;
Many nations did He strike; Many mighty kings for Israel.
Great Your Name Eternal God; Great Your fame for ever more!
Both endure to ev'ry age and to generations yet to come.

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
***Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.***

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Luke 14:33-35 ESV

- 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.
34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?
35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#93 (Blue)

Jesus Paid It All

Elvina M. Hall, 19th cent.

John T. Grape, 1835-1915

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Canticle

A Song of the Blessed (The Beatitudes)

*Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.*

[Matthew 5:3-10 ESV](#)

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

***The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask him.***

Comforting God, we bring our prayers to you with confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

Your favor lasts through all our life. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

You promise that pain will turn to joy. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

You guide your people to springs of the water of life. We pray for the church in all places, that we may know the freedom of life in the Spirit.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

Your glory will shine over all the earth and sea. We pray for the world and for all who care for creation.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

God of compassion and joy,
you bless all who hunger
for your righteousness.
Give us grace to endure testing
and be true to your kingdom,
that we may enjoy the life you bless.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."***

Charge and Benediction

May the Father of mercies
and the God of all comfort
comfort us in our affliction,
so that we may be able
to comfort those who are afflicted
with the consolation
with which we ourselves are consoled by God. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Num. 6:24-26

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Sermon on the Mount

JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW

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Opening

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
*so shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.*

Jesus came to fulfill the law.

He said, "Whoever relaxes the least of these laws
will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven,
*but whoever does them and teaches them
will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Psalms 119:1-6 ESV

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!
- 4 You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

- 5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
6 Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#157 (Burgundy)

For Thy Law Is Truth and Love

Psalm 119

Dwight Armstrong

With my whole heart have I cried to Thee; O Eternal hear my prayer;
For I keep Thy law and meditate On Thy precepts night and day.
I am up before the dawn to pray; For my hope is in Thy word.
Hear my voice according to Thy great love Save me Lord, and quicken
me.

My pursuers come with malice near; And Thy law they do not keep;
But Eternal, Thou art near to me And all Thy commands are true;
Thou hast founded them forever, Lord, They are valid for all time.
Look on my affliction, deliver me; For I love Thy law, O God.

I do not forget Thy law, O God; How I love all Thy commands;
But the wicked do not seek Thy law And Thy way is far from them.
Many are my persecutors, Lord, Yet I never turned from Thee.
O consider how I do love Thy law; For Thy law is truth and love.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.***

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 5:17-20 ESV

- 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
- 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 6:15-19 ESV

- 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
- 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
- 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,
- 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#196 (Burgundy)

Trust And Obey

John H. Sammis, 1846-1919

Daniel B. Towner, 1850-1919

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Canticle

A Song of David

*Splendor and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.*

1 Chronicles 29:10-14 ESV

- 10 Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.
- 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.
- 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.
- 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.
- 14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Rejoice in the Lord always.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

God, guide of the humble, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love
for you and for our neighbors.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

You call us to confidence and trust in you. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless the meek;
they will inherit the earth.

You exalt those who are humbled. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

You bless the meek;
they will inherit the earth.

You show the right path to those who revere your name. We pray for the church in all places, that we may reflect your faithful love.

(add open prayers)

You bless the meek;
they will inherit the earth.

You offer the fullness of peace to the humble. We pray for the world, for those who are poor or in need.

(add open prayers)

You bless the meek;
they will inherit the earth.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

You bless the meek;
they will inherit the earth.

Send out your light and your truth,

that they may lead us,
and bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
that we may go to the altar of God,
to the God of our joy and gladness.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”***

Charge and Benediction

Now to God,
who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly
far more than all we can ask or imagine,
be glory in the body and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

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Praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

Jesus came to fulfill the law.

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy
and righteous and good.

*Open my eyes that I may see wondrous
things out of your law.*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 119:33-40 ESV](#)

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!
37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.
38 Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.
39 Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.
40 Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

#155 (Burgundy)

How I Love Thy Law, O Lord!

Psalm 119

The Psalter, 1912, alt. 1950

Har. David Evans, 1927

How I love Thy law, O Lord! Daily joy its truths afford;
In its constant light I go, wise to conquer ev'ry foe.
Sweeter are Thy words to me than all other good can be;
Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hating falsehood, loving light.

Thy commandments in my heart truest wisdom can impart;
To my eyes thy precepts show wisdom more than sages know.
Sweeter are Thy words to me than all other good can be;
Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hating falsehood, loving light.

While my heart Thy word obeys, I am kept from evil ways;
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, May I never turn aside.
Sweeter are Thy words to me than all other good can be;
Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hating falsehood, loving light.

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
***Restore to me the joy of your salvation
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Call to Discipleship

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and whoever believes in me
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Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-8 ESV

- 1 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
- 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.
- 5 See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
- 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

- 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?
- 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Romans 13:8-14 ESV

- 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
- 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
- 11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.
- 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
- 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.
- 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#195 (Burgundy)

Lord, Teach Me That I May Know

Psalm 143

Dwight Armstrong

Lord, teach me that I may know of the way where I should go;
For to Thee I lift my soul, set me free from all my foes.
Unto Thee I flee to hide me, teach me now Thy will to do;
For Thou Eternal, art my God. Lead me by Thy Spirit good!

Bring my soul from trouble and for Thy name's sake quicken me;
Lead me to the land of refuge, and for Thy mercy's sake
Cut off all my foes, destroy them, they which do afflict my soul;
O Thou Eternal, righteous God; for I am Thy servant, Lord.

Canticle

A Song of Peace

*Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
that we may walk in the way of peace.*

Isaiah 2:3-5 ESV

- 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

***The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask him.***

God, guide of the humble, we bring our prayers to you with confidence,
in the name of our Lord Jesus.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

You call us to confidence and trust in you. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless the meek;
they will inherit the earth.

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You bless the meek;
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You show the right path to those who revere your name. We pray for the church in all places, that we may reflect your faithful love.

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You offer the fullness of peace to the humble. We pray for the world, for those who are poor or in need.

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We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

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God of compassion and joy,
you bless all who hunger
for your righteousness.
Give us grace to endure testing
and be true to your kingdom,
that we may enjoy the life you bless.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”***

Charge and Benediction

Now to God,
who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly
far more than all we can ask or imagine,
be glory in the body and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

Num. 6:24-26

ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
*so shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.*
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ESV

- 15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.
16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I
command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in
his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his
rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will
bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn
away to worship other gods and serve them,

- 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.
- 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,
- 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#62 (Burgundy)

Most Perfect is the Law Of God

The Psalter, 1912

Moore's Psalm Singer's Pocket Companion, 1756

Most perfect is the law of God,
Restoring those that stray.
His testimony is most sure,
proclaiming wisdom's way.

The precepts of the Lord are right;
with joy they fill the heart.
The Lord's commandments all are pure,
and clearest light impart.

The fear of God is undefiled,
and ever shall endure.
The statutes of the Lord are truth
and righteousness most pure.

The words which from my mouth proceed,
the thoughts within my heart,
Accept, O Lord, for Thou my Rock
and my Redeemer art.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.***

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 5:21-30 ESV

- 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'
- 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.
- 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.
- 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.
- 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

- 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.
- 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Micah 6:6-8 ESV

- 6 "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#207 (Burgundy)

Not Many Wise Men Now Are Called

1 Corinthians 1

Dwight Armstrong

Not many wise men now are called, not many noble brethren,
Not many mighty chosen ones, for you see your calling:
Sons of God, you are called, not because of greatness;
Even the wisdom of mankind is to God but foolish.

God chose the foolish of the world; He chose the weak and base things;
He chose the things which are despised, that no flesh should glory.
Sons of God, you are called, not because of greatness;
You who are called and now in Christ shall confound the mighty.

Even the foolishness of God, wiser by far than man is;
Even the weakness of our God, stronger far than man is.
Sons of God, you are called, not because of greatness;
Let them who glory boast in Christ, not in their own greatness.

Canticle

A Song of David

*Splendor and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.*

1 Chronicles 29:10-14 ESV

- 10 Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.
- 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.
- 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.
- 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.
- 14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Rejoice in the Lord always.
The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

Righteous God, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for our neighbors.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

You place in us the hunger and thirst for all that is right and good. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

they will be filled.

You offer the refuge of your wings to the children of the earth. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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for righteousness;
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God whose justice shines like the sun,
you bless all who seek first
your kingdom and righteousness.
Fill our hearts
with the spirit of the Beatitudes,
that we may live this day
in simplicity, mercy, and joy.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."***

Charge and Benediction

May God, who supplies seed to the sower
and bread for food,
supply and multiply our seed for sowing
and increase the harvest of our righteousness. Amen.

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ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

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for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Psalm 36:5-9 ESV

- 5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.
- 7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

#124 (Burgundy)

Rise and Judge, Eternal One!

Psalm 82, 83

Dwight Armstrong

In the midst of magistrates, God His judgment gives.
This He asks, how long will you Thus unjustly judge,
To respect the wicked's cause And the righteous blame?
Judge the poor and fatherless; Judge them righteously.

Earth's foundations have been moved; All in darkness walk.
Judges of the earth know not Nor will understand;
God has said they are like gods, Sons of God Most High;
But they all shall die like men; And as princes fall.

Keep not silence, O my God; Your foes plot their schemes;
That the name of Israel May be blotted out;
Put them all to shame, O God As they would Your sons,
Rise and judge, Eternal One, For the earth is Yours!

Let men know that You, O Lord, The Eternal One,
Are Most High o'er all the earth; Let men know Your Name!
They know not nor understand; They shall die like men;
Rise and judge, Eternal One, For the earth is Yours!

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
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Matthew 5:31-42 ESV

- 31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'
32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'
34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.
37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

- 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
- 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.
- 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.
- 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Leviticus 20:22-26 ESV

- 22 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.
- 23 And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them.
- 24 But I have said to you, 'You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.
- 25 You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean.
- 26 You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#13 (Burgundy)

Take Time To Be Holy

W.D. Longstaff

Geo. C Stebbins

Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, And feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, Like him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, Let Him be thy Guide,
And run not before Him, Whatever betide;
In joy or in sorrow, Still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, Still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, Be calm in thy soul;
Each thought and each motive Beneath His control;
Thus led by His Spirit To fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted For service in love.

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ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Whoever loves his brother abides in the light,
and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 19:7-11 ESV](#)

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#208 (Burgundy)

If I Have Not Charity

I Corinthians 13

Dwight Armstrong

Tho' I speak with tongues of men, Tho' I speak as angels,
If I have not charity I am become as nothing
I become as sounding brass, Or a tinkling cymbal;
With the gift of prophecy, Still I am as nothing.

Tho' I know all mysteries, Tho' I have all knowledge,
If I have not charity, I am become as nothing.
Tho' I give all I possess, Let my body burn;
If I have not charity, Then I am as nothing.

Charity will suffer long, Charity is kind,
Envies not nor vaunts itself, Behaveth not unseemly.
Seeketh not to have her way, Nor is eas'ly angered;
If I have not charity, Then I am as nothing.

Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity,
But rejoiceth in the truth; Believes and bears all things;
Hopes all things, endures all things; Never thinketh evil.
If I have not charity, Then I am as nothing.

Whether there be prophecies, Whether there be knowledge,
These shall likewise pass away, But charity remaineth.
Faith and hope and charity; All of these abide;
But among the three of these, Charity is greatest.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.***

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Leviticus 19:9-18 ESV

- 9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.
- 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.
- 11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.
- 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.
- 13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning.
- 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
- 15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.
- 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.
- 17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 5:43-48 ESV

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#96 (Burgundy)

Love Lifted Me

James Rowe, 1865-1933

Howard E. Smith, 1863-1918

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be Be saved today.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Canticle

A Song of Solomon

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.*

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
For love is strong as death
passion fierce as the grave;
its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
If all the wealth of our house
were offered for love,
it would be utterly scorned.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

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Num. 6:24-26

ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us,
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

1 [John 2:7-11 ESV](#)

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

- 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.
- 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

#97 (Burgundy)

Love Is

Condie Erwin

Audrey Rhodes

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 13

Though I speak with the tongues of angels, though I have the gift of
prophesy,
Though I understand all mysteries and have not love, I have nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind, envies not nor is full of pride.
Where knowledge is, it will pass away; where there are tongues they
will be stilled.
Though I speak with angels' tongues, without love in my heart, I have
nothing.

Though my faith can make mountains wander, though all my goods I
give to the poor,
Though I give my body to the flames and have not love, I have nothing.
Love seeks not self nor is rude, thinks no evil, rejoices in all truth.
But now abide faith and hope and love, and love is greatest of these
three.

Thought my faith makes mountains move, without love in my heart, I have nothing.

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
***Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.***

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18 ESV

- 1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
- 2 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

- 16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,
- 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ESV

- 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
- 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
- 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
- 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.
- 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
- 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
- 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.
- 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
- 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#226 (Burgundy)

With Happy Voices Singing

William G. Tarrant, 1888

Berthold Tours, 1872

With happy voices ringing, Thy children, Lord, appear;
Their joyous praises bringing in anthems sweet and clear.
For skies of golden splendor, for azure rolling sea,
For blossoms sweet and tender, O Lord, we worship Thee.

What though no eye beholds Thee, no hand Thy hand may feel,
Thy universe unfolds Thee, Thy starry heav'ns reveal;
The earth and all its glory, our homes and all we love,
Tell forth the wondrous story of One Who reigns above.

And shall we not adore Thee, with more than joyous song,
And live in truth before Thee, all beautiful and strong?
Lord, bless our souls' endeavor Thy servants true to be,
And through all life, forever, to live our praise to Thee.

Canticle

A Song of the Covenant

*I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.*

[Isaiah 42:5-8a ESV](#)

- 5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- 8 I am the LORD; that is my name; ...

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Sermon on the Mount

TRUST IN GOD

Sixth Day of the Week (Friday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

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We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 20:1-8 ESV](#)

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- 2 May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!
- 3 May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah
- 4 May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!
- 5 May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

- 6 Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.
- 7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#53 (Burgundy)

God Will Take Care of You

Civilla D. Martin, 1869-1948

W. Stillman Martin, 1862-1935

Be not dismayed, whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil, when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
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We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

*You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.*

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 6:19-34 ESV

- 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,
20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,
23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

- 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
- 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,
- 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
- 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
- 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.
- 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Hebrews 6:13-20 ESV

- 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself,
- 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you."
- 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.
- 16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.
- 17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath,
- 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
- 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,
- 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#61 (Burgundy)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm

William M. Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings, all mine, with ten thousand beside.
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Canticle

A Judgement of God

[Proverbs 1:24-32 ESV](#)

24 Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,

- 25 because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you,
27 when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.
29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
30 would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof,
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.
32 For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

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Charge and Benediction

May the God of peace sanctify us entirely;
and may our spirit and soul and body
be kept sound and blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls us is faithful
and will do this. Amen.

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ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

TRUST IN GOD

Sixth Day of the Week (Friday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

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We Offer Him Praise

Praise

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[Psalms 56:3-13 ESV](#)

- 3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for
evil.
- 6 They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have
waited for my life.
- 7 For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O
God!
- 8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are
they not in your book?

- 9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know,
that God is for me.
- 10 In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,
11 in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?
12 I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings
to you.
- 13 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from
falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

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Song

#55 (Burgundy)

He is Able to Deliver Thee
William A. Ogden, 19th cent.

'Tis the grandest theme through the ages rung;
'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue;
'Tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung,
"Our God is able to deliver thee."
He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee;
Though, by sin oppressed Go to Him for rest;
"Our God is able to deliver thee."

'Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main;
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'Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again,
"Our God is able to deliver thee."
He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee;

Though, by sin oppressed Go to Him for rest;
"Our God is able to deliver thee."

'Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll
To the guilty heart, to the sinful soul;
Look to God in faith, He will make thee whole.
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Matthew 7:1-6 ESV

- 1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.
- 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

- 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
- 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?
- 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
- 6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Romans 8:33-39 ESV

- 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
- 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."
- 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
- 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#202 (Blue)

How Great Thou Art!

Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my god, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou Art, how great Thou art!

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How great Thou Art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou Art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou Art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou Art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou Art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
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Canticle

1 Peter 2:21-25 ESV

- 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.
22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

- 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
- 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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you bless all who hunger
for your righteousness.
Give us grace to endure testing
and be true to your kingdom,
that we may enjoy the life you bless.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."***

Charge and Benediction

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Num. 6:24-26

ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU

Seventh Day of the Week (Sabbath/Saturday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

Lord, open our lips
and our mouths will proclaim your praise.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all who seek you.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Psalms 145:18-19 ESV

18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing your praise.

***Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.

Song

#3 (Burgundy)

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Verses 1-3 Edwsard Perronet, 1779, 1780

Verse 4 John Rippon, 1787

Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And hail Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And hail Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye who did hear the call,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And hail Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And hail Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And hail Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And hail Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, And hail Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And hail Him Lord of all.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, Let anyone with ears to hear listen.

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.***

Do this, and you will live.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 7:7-11 ESV

- 7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.
9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?
10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?
11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 21:21-22 ESV

- 21 And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen.
22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

1 John 5:13-15 ESV

- 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.
14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.
15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#68 (Burgundy)

Did You Think To Pray?

Mrs. M.A. Kidder

W.O. Perkins

Ere you left your room this morning,
Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ our Savior,
Did you sue for loving favor,
As a shield today?
O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

When you met with great temptation,
Did you think to pray?
By His dying love and merit,
Did you claim the Holy Spirit
As your guide and stay?
O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

When your heart was filled with anger,
Did you think to pray?
Did you plead for grace, my brother,
That you might forgive another
Who had crossed your way?
O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

When sore trials came upon you,
Did you think to pray?
When your soul was bowed in sorrow,
Balm of Gilead did you borrow

At the gates of day?
O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

Canticle

A Song of the Word of the Lord

*Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.*

Isaiah 55:6-11 ESV

- 6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Rejoice in the Lord always.
The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything,
but in everything with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

God of joy, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for our neighbors.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

You call us to take courage and to hope in you. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

You bless those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

God whose justice shines like the sun,
you bless all who seek first
your kingdom and righteousness.
Fill our hearts
with the spirit of the Beatitudes,
that we may live this day
in simplicity, mercy, and joy.
Through Jesus,
who taught us to do so,
we pray for the coming of your reign:
***"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."***

Charge and Benediction

And after we have suffered for a little while,
the God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
will restore, support, strengthen,
and establish us. Amen.

***The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

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ORDINARY TIME — Week 1

Sermon on the Mount

THE GOLDEN RULE

Seventh Day of the Week (Sabbath/Saturday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

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for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

O God, your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 15:2-3,5 ESV](#)

- 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;
- 3 who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; ...
- 5 who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Thanksgiving

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. Amen.

Song

#69 (Burgundy)

Count Your Many Blessings

Words, Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1897

Tune BLESSINGS, Edwin O. Excell, 1897

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings; name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
Count your blessings; name them one by one;
Count your blessings; see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings; see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings: ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.
Count your blessings; name them one by one;
Count your blessings; see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings; see what God hath done.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings; angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Count your blessings; name them one by one;

Count your blessings; see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings; see what God hath done.

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

(silence)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
***Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.***

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Matthew 7:12-14 ESV

- 12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them,
for this is the Law and the Prophets.
13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy
that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and
those who find it are few.

Luke 10:25-37 ESV

- 25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying,
"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

- 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"
- 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."
- 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."
- 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
- 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.
- 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.
- 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.
- 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'
- 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"
- 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#188 (Burgundy)

Help Somebody Today

Mrs. Frank A. Breck

Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

Look all around you, find someone in need, Help somebody today!
Though it be little—a neighborly deed—Help somebody today!

they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy.
Like gold in the furnace, God tried them
and, like a sacrificial burnt offering, accepted them.
In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples
and God will reign over them for ever.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.
***The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask him.***

God of joy, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and for
our neighbors.
In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

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