



Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Prayer Services designed for the month of Elul
in preparation for the Feast of Trumpets

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).

Teshuvah — 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.

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Teshuvah is a term used in Jewish tradition that means to turn around, to return, or to repent. It refers to a period of preparation for the Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanna in Jewish tradition). It begins on the first day of Elul, the sixth month, and lasts throughout the month. During this month, one is to ask God for assistance in a self examination, to find any sins that have been committed over the past year for which one has not repented. As sins are uncovered, one must ask God's forgiveness.

Of course, we ought to have a repentant attitude all year long in our walk with God. The days leading into Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread themselves are often considered times of repentance, when we search out our sins and put them out of our lives.

Some might say that *Teshuvah* is different, as it is a time of self-examination when we seek forgiveness for sins we have not repented of. But it is not really different at all. The idea is the same. The only difference found in the Jewish tradition for the month of Elul is in sins against another person. *Teshuvah* is a time when we go to that person and seek forgiveness for the sin that was committed against him or her. Again, a practice we ought to follow all year long.

Likewise, it is a time when we must forgive anyone who seeks forgiveness from us, even if the sin is very grievous. If the person does not come to us to seek forgiveness, it is our obligation to go to them and give them the opportunity to ask for it.

While this ought to be our attitude all year long and forgiveness a practice that we ought to be engaged with every day of our lives, having a time set aside to purposely address it is followed by many people. The idea is not to engage in a new ritual or introduce a new practice, but to prepare oneself as completely as possible to meet the Lord. Jesus had much to say about repentance, seeking forgiveness from others and giving forgiveness.

We in the Church of God commonly hold the symbolism of the Feast of Trumpets as pointing to the return of the Messiah to earth. It points to the

sound of the last trump, when those who qualify will be changed to meet the Lord, stand with him on the Mount of Olives and reign with him for a thousand years.

With that thought in mind, *Teshuvah* is not a bad practice to consider. On a personal level, we all need to prepare ourselves as the Bride of Christ. Self-examination and asking forgiveness of our sins against God and against other people ought to be part of that preparation as we approach the Feast of Trumpets and the fall Holy Days.

This prayer book is devoted to forgiveness — seeking forgiveness from God for sins we commit against him and additional self-examination to uncover sins against our brothers and sisters.

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 about 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.

There are morning and evening prayer services for seven days. Repeat the services over for three or four weeks during the month of Elul. In the Psalms, the songs of ascent are used as we approach the day when we seek to meet our Lord face-to-face. The readings are drawn from both the Old and the New Testament and confirm the need for our repentant attitude before God and digs into what Jesus had to say about our relationships with each other.

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First Day of the Week (Sunday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

O Lord God of hosts, who is your equal?
*You are mighty, O Lord, and truth
is your garment.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 120:1-7 ESV](#) (A Song of Ascents.)

- 1 In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.
- 2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue?
- 4 A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree!
- 5 Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
- 6 Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace.
- 7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war!

Thanksgiving

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
***to tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night season.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works! Amen.

Song

#134 (Blue)

The Trumpet Shall Sound

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Ross Jutsum

Behold, I show, I show you all a mystery;
We shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed.
In just a while, the twinkling of an eye, you'll see,
The trumpet shall sound, and we shall all be raised.
But thanks to God, Who giveth us the victory
Through Christ the Lord, Eternal, Living One.
Always abound and do the work He's given me,
Beloved of God and Christ, His chosen sons.

O death, O grave, where is your sting, your victory?
The sting of death is sin, defined by law.
And when this mortal puts on immortality,
The trumpet shall sound; rejoice forevermore.
But thanks to God, Who giveth us the victory
Through Christ the Lord, Eternal, Living One.
Always abound and do the work He's given me,
Beloved of God and Christ, His chosen sons.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.*** (1 John 1:8-10 ESV)

Zephaniah 1:14—2:3 ESV

- 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
- 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
- 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
- 17 I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
- 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
- ²:1 Gather together, yes, gather, O shameless nation,
2 before the decree takes effect—before the day passes away like chaff—before there comes upon you the burning anger of the LORD, before there comes upon you the day of the anger of the LORD.
- 3 Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52 ESV

- 50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- 51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#72 (Blue)

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;
'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain;
'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.
"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."

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless
in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my
mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me
wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken
rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a
willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return
to you.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you because we trust you to protect and provide. In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You lead us with your light and truth. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You provide for the poor and the stranger. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You are the help and hope for your people. We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

All nations belong to you. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God our only hope,
you cry against our yawning at injustice.
Feed us from your mouth, that we may see the poor,
listen to the lonely, and nourish our hungry neighbors
in the strength of your Anointed. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

May God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
keep us from falling, and make us stand without blemish
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing. 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

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands,
seek righteousness; seek humility;
*perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the Lord.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
*lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

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

Psalms 121:1-8 ESV (A Song of Ascents.)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

- 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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

#77 (Blue)

The Mercy That Never Fails

Bonnie French, 20th cent.

Audrey Rhodes, 20th cent.

When my soul cries out with a heavy heart, "Oh God, again I've failed,"
Then He'll lift me up to the throne of grace with the mercy that
never fails.

I'll sing Thy praises, Oh, Lord, my God, of the love that doth prevail;
And I'll look to Thee, on bended knee, for the mercy that never fails.

If a friend is bowed under sin's dark cloud, Then take your brother's
hand

And petition Him Who forgives your sin with the mercy that never fails.

I'll sing Thy praises, Oh, Lord, my God, of the love that doth prevail;
And I'll look to Thee, on bended knee, for the mercy that never fails.

Though our sins be red as a crimson thread, and with foolish steps
we've strayed,

Out of sin's dark night He brings a light, with the mercy that never fails.

I'll sing Thy praises, Oh, Lord, my God, of the love that doth prevail;
And I'll look to Thee, on bended knee, for the mercy that never fails.

Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

***Do not remember my sins;
in your love remember me.***

You relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

***You consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.***

(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

So if you are offering your gift at the altar
and there remember that your brother has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

***First be reconciled to your brother, and
then come and offer your gift.***

Isaiah 55:6-13 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.
- 12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
- 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Isaiah 56:1-8 ESV

- 1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
- 2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."
- 3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."
- 4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,
- 5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.
- 6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—
- 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
- 8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Matthew 6:14-15 ESV

- 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#14 (Blue)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Eternal

William Williams, Welsh, 745

Verse 1, Trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Verses 2, 3, Trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

Guide me, O Thou great Eternal, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven. Bread of heaven. Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer. Strong Deliverer. Be Thou still my Strength and
Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises. Songs of praises. I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Canticle

1 Kings 8:54-61 ESV

54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.

55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.

- 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us,
58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.
59 Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires,
60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.
61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

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Intercessory Prayers

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Sheltering God, we pour out our hearts before you, because you are a refuge for us. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You lead us with your light and truth. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

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You are the help and hope of your people. We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

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In your mercy,
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All the nations belong to you. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

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In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Now may God who loved us
and gave us eternal comfort and
good hope through grace,
comfort our hearts and establish them
in every good word and work. 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

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Second Day of the Week (Monday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Lord, in your light we see light itself.

Let us worship before the Lord, our Maker.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 122:1-9 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- 2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- 3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,
- 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- 5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!
- 7 Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"
- 8 For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Thanksgiving

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
***to tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night season.***

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works! Amen.

Song

#135 (Blue)

If I Take The Wings Of The Morning

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Arr. Audrey Rhodes, 20th cent.

If I take the wings of the morning, Fly away to an isle of the sea.
Even there would Your eye behold me; Whither from your presence
I flee?

Where will I hide from Thee, O God;
Whither, Lord, Whither will I flee?
Search me and know all the thoughts of my heart,
And ever will I sing praise to Thee.

If I say, "I'll hide in the darkness; Let it be a concealment to me."
Yet the night shall be light around me; Day and night are alike
unto Thee.

Where will I hide from Thee, O God;
Whither, Lord, Whither will I flee?
Search me and know all the thoughts of my heart,
And ever will I sing praise to Thee.

All your precious thoughts, could I count them, they would be as the grains of sand;
And I know before I was fashioned, in Your book was my substance planned.
Where will I hide from Thee, O God;
Whither, Lord, Whither will I flee?
Search me and know all the thoughts of my heart,
And ever will I sing praise to Thee.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.*** (1 John 1:8-10 ESV)

Psalms 36:1-12 ESV *(To the choirmaster. Of David, the servant of the LORD.)*

- 1 Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
- 3 The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
- 4 He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.
- 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.

- 10 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!
- 11 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

Tobit 4:15-19 RSV

- 15 And what you hate, do not do to any one. Do not drink wine to excess or let drunkenness go with you on your way.
- 16 Give of your bread to the hungry, and of your clothing to the naked. Give all your surplus to charity, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you made it.
- 17 Place your bread on the grave of the righteous, but give none to sinners.
- 18 Seek advice from every wise man, and do not despise any useful counsel.
- 19 Bless the Lord God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight and that all your paths and plans may prosper. For none of the nations has understanding; but the Lord himself gives all good things, and according to his will he humbles whomever he wishes. "So, my son, remember my commands, and do not let them be blotted out of your mind.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#92 (Blue)

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.

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless
in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my
mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me
wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken
rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a
willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return
to you.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

***Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!***
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you because we trust you to
protect and provide. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You receive us because of your great mercies. We pray for ourselves
and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You rebuke all retaliation. We pray for our community and for our
neighbors.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Your people bear your name. We pray for the church in all places, that
we may know the freedom of life in the Spirit.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Your face will shine even on earth's desolation. We pray for the world
and for all who care for creation.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God our only hope,
you cry against our yawning at injustice.
Feed us from your mouth, that we may see the poor,
listen to the lonely, and nourish our hungry neighbors
in the strength of your Anointed. Amen.

***C*harge and Benediction**

May God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
keep us from falling, and make us stand without blemish
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing. 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

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Second Day of the Week (Monday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands,
seek righteousness; seek humility;
*perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the Lord.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
*lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

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

[Psalms 123:1-4 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 4 Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Thanksgiving

My vows to you I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

You deliver my soul from death, and my feet from falling,
so that I may walk before you in the light of life. Amen.

Song

#149 (Blue)

Yield Not To Temptation

Horatio R. Palmer, 1834-1907

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue,
Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.
Ask the Savior to help you, Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain,
God's Name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true,
Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.
Ask the Savior to help you, Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we shall conquer, though often cast down;
He Who is our Savior our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.
Ask the Savior to help you, Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

***Do not remember my sins;
in your love remember me.***

You relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

***You consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.***

(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

So if you are offering your gift at the altar
and there remember that your brother has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

***First be reconciled to your brother, and
then come and offer your gift.***

Prayer of Daniel

[Daniel 9:3-19 ESV](#)

- 3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.
- 4 I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,
- 5 we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.
- 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- 7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the

- lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you.
- 8 To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.
 - 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him
 - 10 and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
 - 11 All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.
 - 12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem.
 - 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth.
 - 14 Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice.
 - 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
 - 16 "O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us.
 - 17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate.
 - 18 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.
 - 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 ESV

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#156 (Blue)

Rescue the Perishing

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

William H. Doane, 1832-1915

Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save.
Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Tho' they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,
waiting the penitent child to receive.
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe
Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
feelings lie buried that grace can restore.
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
chords that are broken will vibrate once more.
Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Rescue the perishing, Duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide.
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;

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*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 124:1-8 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*)

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side— let Israel now say—
- 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Thanksgiving

Our hearts are glad in you, Lord
because we trust in your holy name.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we wait for you. Amen.

Song

#76 (Blue)

O Thou The Shepherd Of Israel Art

Psalm 80

Dwight Armstrong

O Thou the Shepherd of Israel art;
Hear Thou our prayer and Thy favor impart;
Thou leader of Joseph, Thou guide of his way,
'Mid cherubim dwelling Thy glory display.
In Ephraim's, Manasseh's, and Benjamin's sight,
Come Thou and save us; awake in Thy might.

How long in anger will Thou turn away,
O Lord of Hosts, when Thy people do pray?
With tears and sorrow their table is laid;
Of bitter mixture their drink hast Thou made.
Give us Thy favor, restore us Thy grace;
Then we shall live in the light of Thy face.

Thou made us a scorn to our neighbors around;
Our foes in laughter and scoffing abound.
O Thou, God of Isr'el, return unto Thine;
Look down from heaven and visit this vine;
No more shall we wander, delighting in shame;
Save us, O Lord, for we call on Thy name.

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Matthew 18:15, 21-22 ESV

- 15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. (...)
- 21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"
- 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

Matthew 18:23-35 ESV

- 23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.
- 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.
- 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.
- 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'
- 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.
- 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'
- 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'
- 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

- 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.
- 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.
- 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'
- 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.
- 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#65 (Blue)

Tell It To Jesus

J.E. Rankin, D.D., alt.

E.S. Lorenz

Are you weary, are you heavy-hearted? Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus;
Are you grieving over joys departed? Tell it to Jesus alone.
Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, He is a friend Who's well-known;
you've no other such a friend or brother; Tell it to Jesus alone.

Do the tears flow down your cheeks unbidden? Tell it to Jesus,
Tell it to Jesus;
Have you sins that to men's eyes are hidden? Tell it to Jesus alone.
Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, He is a friend Who's well-known;
you've no other such a friend or brother; Tell it to Jesus alone.

Do you fear the gath'ring clouds of sorrow? Tell it to Jesus,
Tell it to Jesus;
Are you anxious what shall be tomorrow? Tell it to Jesus alone.
Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, He is a friend Who's well-known;
you've no other such a friend or brother; Tell it to Jesus alone.

Are you troubled at the thought of dying? Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus;
For Christ's coming Kingdom are you sighing? Tell it to Jesus alone.

Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, He is a friend Who's well-known;
you've no other such a friend or brother; Tell it to Jesus alone.

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless
in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my
mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me
wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken
rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a
willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return
to you.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

***Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!***

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you because we trust you to protect and provide. In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You are rich in patience. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You give new life to those who patiently do good. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Your kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. We pray for the church in all places, that we may reflect your faithful love.

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You show no partiality. We pray for the world, for those who are poor or in need.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God our only hope,
you cry against our yawning at injustice.
Feed us from your mouth, that we may see the poor,
listen to the lonely, and nourish our hungry neighbors
in the strength of your Anointed. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

The Lord will keep us from all evil.
The Lord will keep our life.
The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore. 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

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Third Day of the Week (Tuesday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands,
seek righteousness; seek humility;
*perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the Lord.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
*lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

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

[Psalms 125:1-5 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Thanksgiving

My vows to you I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

You deliver my soul from death, and my feet from falling,
so that I may walk before you in the light of life. Amen.

Song

#173 (Blue)

Give Ear Unto My Words, O Lord

Psalm 5

Dwight Armstrong

Give ear unto my words, O lord, My meditation weigh;
Hear my loud cry, my King, my God, For I to Thee will pray.
Lord Thou shalt early hear my voice; I early will direct
My prayer to Thee, and looking up, An answer will expect.

For Thou art not a God who does In wickedness delight;
No evil shall abide with Thee, Nor fools stand in Thy sight.
All evil doers Thou dost hate, Cut off shall liars be;
The bloody and deceitful man, Abhorred is by Thee.

But I into Thy house will come In Thy abundant grace;
And I will worship in Thy fear Toward Thy holy place.
Because of watchful enemies, O lead me by Thy grace,
And in Thy righteousness, Thy way Make straight before my face.

Let all who trust in Thee be glad, In shouts their praise proclaim;
Thou savest them; let all rejoice Who love Thy Holy Name.
For Lord, unto the righteous man Thou wilt Thy blessing yield;
With favor Thou wilt compass him About as with a shield.

Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

***Do not remember my sins;
in your love remember me.***

You relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

***You consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.***

(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

So if you are offering your gift at the altar
and there remember that your brother has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

***First be reconciled to your brother, and
then come and offer your gift.***

1 Peter 1:10-19 ESV

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the
grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,

11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was
indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the
subsequent glories.

12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but
you, in the things that have now been announced to you through
those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent
from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

- 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,
- 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
- 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
- 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
- 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
- 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

John 3:16-21 ESV

- 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
- 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.
- 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#170 (Blue)

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

1 Kings 8:54-61 ESV

- 54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.
- 55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
- 56 "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.
- 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us,

- 58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.
- 59 Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires,
- 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.
- 61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Sheltering God, we pour out our hearts before you, because you are a refuge for us. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You are rich in patience. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
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You give new life to those who patiently do good. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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You show no partiality. We pray for the world, for those who are poor or in need.

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In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

The Lord will keep us from all evil.
The Lord will keep our life.
The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore. Amen.

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Num. 6:24-26

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 126:1-6 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!
- 5 Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Thanksgiving

Our hearts are glad in you, Lord

because we trust in your holy name.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we wait for you. Amen.

Song

#121 (Blue)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Attributed to George Croly, 1866

Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always right;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love:
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heav'n descended Dove,
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,

and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10 ESV)

Galatians 6:1-9 ESV

- 1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.
- 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.
- 5 For each will have to bear his own load.
- 6 One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.
- 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
- 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

James 5:5-11 ESV

- 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.
- 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.
- 7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.
- 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.
- 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#168 (Blue)

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.

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

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according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
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In your mercy,
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You have chosen the poor to be rich in faith. We pray for the world, for all who are ensnared in greed, violence, and oppression.

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Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself
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who has loved us and through grace
has given us eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort and strengthen our hearts
in every good work and word. Amen.

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Psalms 127:1-5 ESV (A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.)

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
- 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

- 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Thanksgiving

My vows to you I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

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so that I may walk before you in the light of life. Amen.

Song

#171 (Burgundy)

Unless The Lord Shall Build The House

Psalm 127

Dwight Armstrong

Unless the Lord shall build the house, The weary builders toil in vain;
Unless the Lord the city shields, The guards maintain a useless watch.
In vain you rise ere morning break, And late your nightly vigils keep,
And bread of anxious care partake; God gives to His beloved sleep.

Lo, children are the gift of God, And sons the blessing He commands;
These whom in youthful days bestowed, Are like the shafts in warrior's
hands.

And happy they whose quivers bear Full store of arrows such as these;
They in the gate are free from fear, And boldly face their enemies.

That man is blest who fears the Lord; Who lives and walks in all His
ways;

For of his labor shall he eat; And he shall prosper all his days.

His wife shall be a fruitful vine; His children all like olive plants.

Behold the man who fears the Lord! To Him his blessing will afford.

Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

***Do not remember my sins;
in your love remember me.***

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and there remember that your brother has something against you,
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Exodus 32:30-33 ESV

30 The next day Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold.

32 But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written."

33 But the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.

Luke 7:41-47 ESV

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

- 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?"
- 43 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."
- 44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
- 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.
- 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.
- 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#27 (Blue)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719

William Croft, 1708

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home.

Anticle

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- 61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Sheltering God, we pour out our hearts before you, because you are a refuge for us. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You are the stronghold of our life. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You relieve the troubles of the heart. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You look with favor on the faithful. We pray for the church in all places, that we may bear witness to your reign of justice, peace, and joy.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You have chosen the poor to be rich in faith. We pray for the world, for all who are ensnared in greed, violence, and oppression.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

The Lord will keep us from all evil.
The Lord will keep our life.
The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore. 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

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

The heavens proclaim your wonders, O Lord;
the assembly of your holy ones proclaim your truth.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 128:1-6 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!
- 6 May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Thanksgiving

Our hearts are glad in you, Lord

because we trust in your holy name.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we wait for you. Amen.

Song

#5 (Blue)

The Solid Rock

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood,
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be
found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.*** (1 John 1:8-10 ESV)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 ESV

- 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
- 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

Revelation 22:10-15 ESV

- 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
- 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."
- 12 **"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.**
- 13 **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**
- 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.
- 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#43 (Blue)

Wonderful Words of Life

P.P. Bliss, 19th cent.

Sing them over again to me. Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see. Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call; Wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given, Given without leaven;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call. Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all. Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus only Savior, Sanctify for ever.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless
in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my
mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me
wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken

rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a
willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return
to you.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

***Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.***

Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you because we trust you to
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We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

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In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God our only hope,
you cry against our yawning at injustice.
Feed us from your mouth, that we may see the poor,
listen to the lonely, and nourish our hungry neighbors
in the strength of your Anointed. Amen.

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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Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands,
seek righteousness; seek humility;
*perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the Lord.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
*lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

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

[Psalms 129:1-8 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"— let Israel now say—
- 2 "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows."
- 4 The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.
- 5 May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!
- 6 Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up,

- 7 with which the reaper does not fill his hand nor the binder of sheaves
his arms,
8 nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon
you! We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

Thanksgiving

My vows to you I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

You deliver my soul from death, and my feet from falling,
so that I may walk before you in the light of life. Amen.

Song

#13 (Blue)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

Carl G. Glaser, 1828

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise:
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus, the name that calms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the sinful clean, His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember my sins;

in your love remember me.

You relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

***You consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.***

(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

So if you are offering your gift at the altar
and there remember that your brother has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

***First be reconciled to your brother, and
then come and offer your gift.***

Luke 12:41-48 ESV

- 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?"
- 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?"
- 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.
- 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.
- 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk,
- 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful.
- 47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating.

48 But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV

- 31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,
32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.
33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#126 (Blue)

Face to Face

Mrs. Frank A. Breck, 1855-1934, alt.
Grant Colfax Tullar, 1869-1950

Face to face with Christ my Savior, Face to face, how can it be
When, with joy, I behold Him, Jesus Christ, Who died for me?
Face to face shall I behold Him, He alone may glorify,
Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!

Only faintly now I see Him with the darkling veil between,
But a blessed day is coming when His glory shall be seen.
Face to face shall I behold Him, He alone may glorify,
Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!

What rejoicing in His presence when are banished grief and pain,
When the crooked ways are straightened and the dark things shall
be plain!

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Face to face O blissful moment! Face to face, to see and know,
Face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Who loves me so.
Face to face shall I behold Him, He alone may glorify,
Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!

Canticle

1 Kings 8:54-61 ESV

54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.

55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us,

58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.

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Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

Sixth Day of the Week (Friday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

For who in the skies can compare with the Lord
or who is like the Lord among the children of God?

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 130:1-8 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- 2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- 3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Thanksgiving

Our hearts are glad in you, Lord
because we trust in your holy name.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we wait for you. Amen.

Song

#173 (Blue)

Give Ear Unto My Words, O Lord

Psalm 5

Dwight Armstrong

Give ear unto my words, O lord, My meditation weigh;
Hear my loud cry, my King, my God, For I to Thee will pray.
Lord Thou shalt early hear my voice; I early will direct
My prayer to Thee, and looking up, An answer will expect.

For Thou art not a God who does In wickedness delight;
No evil shall abide with Thee, Nor fools stand in Thy sight.
All evil doers Thou dost hate, Cut off shall liars be;
The bloody and deceitful man, Abhorred is by Thee.

But I into Thy house will come In Thy abundant grace;
And I will worship in Thy fear Toward Thy holy place.
Because of watchful enemies, O lead me by Thy grace,
And in Thy righteousness, Thy way Make straight before my face.

Let all who trust in Thee be glad, In shouts their praise proclaim;
Thou savest them; let all rejoice Who love Thy Holy Name.
For Lord, unto the righteous man Thou wilt Thy blessing yield;
With favor Thou wilt compass him About as with a shield.

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Luke 13:1-5 ESV

- 1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
- 2 And he answered them, **“Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?**
- 3 **No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**
- 4 **Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?**
- 5 **No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”**

Prayer of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1:4-9 ESV

- 4 As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.
- 5 And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,
- 6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father’s house have sinned.
- 7 We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses.
- 8 Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples,

9 but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.'

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#127 (Blue)

Mine Eyes Upon The Lord Continually Are Set

Psalm 25

Dwight Armstrong

Mine eyes upon the Lord continually are set;
For He it is that shall bring forth my feet out of the net;
Turn unto me Thy face, and to me mercy show;
Because that I am desolate and am brought very low.

My heart's griefs are increased, relieve me from distress;
See mine affliction and my pain, and all my sins forgive;
Consider Thou my foes because they many are;
And it a cruel hatred is which they against me bear.

O do Thou keep my soul, do Thou deliver me;
And let me never be ashamed because I trust in Thee;
Let uprightness and truth keep me, who Thee attend.
Redemption, Lord, to Israel from all his troubles send.

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

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according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
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so that you may be justified in your words and blameless
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(add open prayers)

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Lord, hear our prayer.

You sent your Son into the world that all might find life through him.
We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You guard those who have made you their refuge. We pray for the
church in all places, that we may speak boldly for Christ.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You show your salvation to all the ends of the earth. We pray for the
world, for peacemakers and for all who serve in the name of Christ.

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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.

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

[Psalms 131:1-3 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*)

- 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.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Thanksgiving

My vows to you I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

You deliver my soul from death, and my feet from falling,
so that I may walk before you in the light of life. Amen.

Song

#159 (Blue)

To The Work

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915, alt.
William H. Doane, 1832-1915

To the work! To the work! We are servants of God;
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.
Toiling on (toiling on), Toiling on (toiling on),
Toiling on (toiling on), Toiling on (toiling on),
Let us hope (and trust), Let us watch (and pray),
And labor till the Master comes.

To the work! To the work! Let the hungry be fed;
To the fountain of life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"
Toiling on (toiling on), Toiling on (toiling on),
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Let us hope (and trust), Let us watch (and pray),
And labor till the Master comes.

To the work! To the work! There is labor for all;
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the love of our Father exalted shall be,
In the loud swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!"
Toiling on (toiling on), Toiling on (toiling on),

Toiling on (toiling on), Toiling on (toiling on),
Let us hope (and trust), Let us watch (and pray),
And labor till the Master comes.

To the work! To the work! In the strength of the Lord,
And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward,
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,
And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!"
Toiling on (toiling on), Toiling on (toiling on),
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Let us hope (and trust), Let us watch (and pray),
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Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

***Do not remember my sins;
in your love remember me.***

You relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

***You consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.***

(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

So if you are offering your gift at the altar
and there remember that your brother has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar and go.

***First be reconciled to your brother, and
then come and offer your gift.***

1 Kings 8:31-32, 46-52 ESV

- 31 "If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath and comes and swears his oath before your altar in this house,
- 32 then hear in heaven and act and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing his conduct on his own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness.
(...)
- 46 "If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near,
- 47 yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,'
- 48 if they repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name,
- 49 then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause
- 50 and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them
- 51 (for they are your people, and your heritage, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace).
- 52 Let your eyes be open to the plea of your servant and to the plea of your people Israel, giving ear to them whenever they call to you.

James 4:8-10 ESV

- 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

#193 (Blue)

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.

Anticle

[1 Kings 8:54-61 ESV](#)

54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.

- 55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
- 56 "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.
- 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us,
- 58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.
- 59 Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires,
- 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.
- 61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Sheltering God, we pour out our hearts before you, because you are a refuge for us. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You know what we need. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You sent your Son into the world that all might find life through him.
We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You guard those who have made you their refuge. We pray for the
church in all places, that we may speak boldly for Christ.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You show your salvation to all the ends of the earth. We pray for the
world, for peacemakers and for all who serve in the name of Christ.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. Amen.

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.

Num. 6:24-26

Teshuvah

Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Opening

O Lord, in your light we see light itself.

Let us worship before the Lord, our maker.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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

[Psalms 133:1-3 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*)

- 1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Thanksgiving

Our hearts are glad in you, Lord
because we trust in your holy name.

(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we wait for you. Amen.

Song

#78 (Blue)

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Words: Stanzas 1&2, Thomas Moore, 1816, Stanza 3, Thomas Hastings, 1832

Music: "Consolator," Samuel Webbe, Sr, 1792

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.*** (1 John 1:8-10 ESV)

Luke 15:17-21 ESV

- 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!
- 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.
- 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'
- 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.
- 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Numbers 14:26-35 ESV

- 26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- 27 "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.
- 28 Say to them, 'As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you:
- 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me,
- 30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.
- 31 But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected.
- 32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness.
- 33 And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness.
- 34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.'
- 35 I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#187 (Blue)

I Need Thee Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872

Refrain, Robert Lowry, 1872

Robert Lowry, 1872

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;
Thy promises so rich In me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Canticle

(Psalm 51:1-17)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless
in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my
mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me

wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

***Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.***

Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you because we trust you to protect and provide. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

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(add open prayers)

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You are a helper close at hand in times of distress. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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You put an end to wars across the earth. We pray for the world, for our enemies and for those who are in conflict.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God our only hope,
you cry against our yawning at injustice.
Feed us from your mouth, that we may see the poor,
listen to the lonely, and nourish our hungry neighbors
in the strength of your Anointed. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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Opening

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands,
seek righteousness; seek humility;
*perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the Lord.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
*lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

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

[Psalms 134:1-3 ESV](#) (*A Song of Ascents.*)

- 1 Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
- 2 Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!
- 3 May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

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(add free prayers of thanksgiving)

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so that I may walk before you in the light of life. Amen.

Song

#103 (Blue)

The Servant's Prayer

PsaLm 143:8-12

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.

Confession

Remember your mercy, O Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember my sins;

in your love remember me.

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and bring me out of my distress.

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Numbers 15:30-31 ESV

30 But the person who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be on him."

Nehemiah 9:1-3 ESV

1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads.

2 And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God.

1 John 2:1-2, 12 ESV

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(...)

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#81 (Blue)

God Shall Wipe Every Tear

Ross Jutsum

God shall wipe ev'ry tear from their eyes, wipe ev'ry tear away.
They shall learn then to fear their god; former things shall all pass away.
There will be no more sorrow or crying, there will be no more pain
or dying.

God shall wipe ev'ry tear from their eyes, wipe ev'ry tear away.

God shall open the eyes of the blind, all of the deaf shall hear;
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing, lame men will leap just like
the deer.

Streams in the desert, waters flowing, wilderness places blooming
and growing.

God shall open the eyes of the blind, all of the deaf shall hear.

Then the ransomed of God shall return, coming to Zion singing.
Joy and gladness shall they all obtain, voices of youth will be ringing.
God will redeem mankind from death and give them back their life
and breath.

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