

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
PRAYER BOOK

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INTRODUCTION TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN PRAYER BOOK 2022

The Evangelical Lutheran Prayer Book was produced to provide the layman with a resource, in one volume, which will enable him to engage in regular, systematic prayer, which is in line with the liturgical traditions and rhythms of the Church. In times past this was known as liturgical prayer. It is a thoroughly Biblical practice.

The early Christians continued the Jewish practice of reciting prayers at certain hours of the day or night. In the Psalms we find expressions like “in the morning I offer you my prayer”; “At midnight I will rise and thank you”; “Evening, morning and at noon I will cry and lament”; “Seven times a day I praise you”. The Apostles observed the Jewish custom of praying at the third, sixth and ninth hour, and at midnight (Acts 10:3, 9; 16:25; etc.).

The prayer of the early Christians consisted of almost the same elements as the Jewish: recital or chanting of Psalms and reading the Old Testament. To that were soon added readings of the Gospels, Acts, epistles, and other canticles. Other elements were added over the course of the centuries, with this discipline developing into the Daily Office. Generally, the Daily Office consists of eight separate prayer liturgies to be performed at specific times of the day: Matins (midnight), Lauds (dawn), Prime (early morning), Terce (mid-morning), Sext (midday), None (mid-afternoon), Vespers (evening), and Compline (night, prior to bedtime).

This book, however, is intended to help the layman develop a regular habit of prayer, not to turn the layman into a cloistered monk. To that end, the traditional prayer offices have been combined and streamlined into one basic structure. This single prayer liturgy was then modified for each of the seasons of the liturgical year. The individual can use these liturgies alone, with the family, or in a small group setting. Everything needed to use them is contained within the pages of this volume, with the exception of the Scripture readings listed in the lectionaries.

In addition to the Historic Lectionary and The Lessons for Morning and Evening, a small collection of short Scripture readings appropriate for the seasons and

various festivals of the church year, as well as the Passion history, have also been included.

Traditionally, the singing or recitation of the Psalms is an important part of the Daily Office. Included in this book is the entire New King James Psalter, pointed for chanting. A canticle, pointed for chanting, has been appointed for each day of the week. A section containing office hymns, sequences, and other chants has also been included for those who wish to sing.

Also included in this book is Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The Small Catechism was written in 1528 by Dr. Luther. It was intended to be used to instruct the laity in the foundations of Christian doctrine, and thereby ensure the structure and stability of the Church. The Small Catechism is intended more for use in the households of ordinary people, particularly in the instruction of children. The catechism has been included for wherever use of a devotional writing, sermon, exposition, or the like is indicated.

All liturgical texts included in this book are in the public domain. The Small Catechism was taken from Triglot Concordia: The Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: German-Latin-English. (St. Louis: Concordia, 1921). The Psalter, as well as the additional Scripture readings for various occasions, are from the New King James Version of the Bible, and are used by the gracious permission of the publisher of that translation.

Included are a section of prayers, including Prayers for Each Day of the Week, which have been written for this volume. These prayers are centered on a theme for each day of the week, and anchored in the language of Luther's Small Catechism.

St. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that we have been made a new creation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Since we are a new creation, we should no longer conform our lives to the patterns of this old creation. We are now citizens of heaven in exile here on earth. "Join with others in following my example, brothers," Paul tells the Philippians, "and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you...But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3: 17, 20-21).

Worship, private or corporate, should conform to "heavenly" culture. For a time, at worship, the believer can get a glimpse of heaven, even if it is an imperfect one. If we adopt aspects of our human, secular culture into worship in order to make people outside of the Church comfortable, we draw people's attention away from God's word, worship of Him, and His service to us.

Using this book, however, is not intended to replace the gathering together with fellow Christians around Word and Sacrament. It is intended to be used

as a resource between the times when one gathers together with other believers to hear God's Word proclaimed and to receive the Lord's Supper. Scripture encourages us to devote ourselves to the Apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer as the first Christians are described doing (Acts 2:42). And, while private prayer is certainly important, as exemplified by Christ Himself who often went off alone to pray, Scripture also calls us not to neglect meeting together. Meeting together in corporate worship, we may then encourage each other as the Day approaches (Hebrews 10:25).

Finally, while I have worked diligently to find and correct any and all mistakes in this work, I am certain that errors remain. I beg the reader's forgiveness. It is my prayer that, in spite of any error of layout, grammar, or spelling, this book would be a blessing to those who would use it, and serve as a bit of heavenly culture in a secular world.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Joseph D. Klotz

Hodgkins, Illinois
Trinity, 2022

CHANTING THE PSALMS

A significant portion of this book is devoted to the chanting of psalms (and canticles).

Each verse of text divides into half-verses at the asterisk (*). Likewise, each tone divides into half-phrases at the asterisk above the single bar (|).

The first half-phrase carries the first half-verse, and the second half-phrase carries the second half-verse. Most of the text in each half phrase is chanted on the whole note (the reciting tone). The final three notes (the cadence) of each phrase carry either two or three syllables of text, as indicated by the placement of the bar. In cases where the cadence carries only two syllables, the first two notes of the cadence are slurred together.

Psalm 46



- 1 God is our ref- | uge and
strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, even
though the earth | be removed,*
and though the mountains be
carried into the midst | of the
sea;

The method and tones for chanting the Psalms has been taken from Lutheran Worship (1982, Concordia Publishing House), and is used by permission of the publisher.

Advent

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

VERSICLES

V From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

R Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and a tempest rages.

V In the desert prepare the way for the Lord;

R Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

PSALMS

One or more Psalms are chanted or said. Morning prayers may begin the psalmody by singing the Venite.

Saturday	Evening: 80, 72
Sunday	Morning: 24, 150 Evening: 25, 110
Monday	Morning: 122, 145 Evening: 40, 67
Tuesday	Morning: 33, 146 Evening: 85, 94
Wednesday	Morning: 50, 147:1-12 Evening: 53, 17
Thursday	Morning: 18:1-20, 147:13-21 Evening: 126, 62
Friday	Morning: 102, 148 Evening: 130, 16
Saturday	Morning: 90, 149

SCRIPTURE READING

The reading appointed from the daily lectionary, or another appropriate reading shall be read.

RESPONSE



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion*

Shout daughter of Je- | rusalem!

See, your King | comes to you,*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Other appropriate prayers and personal petitions may be offered. The prayers conclude with the following, according to the time of day.

Morning

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen

Midday

Blessed Lord Jesus, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray. Amen.

Evening

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously kept me this day; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Compline

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord: and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy Only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end. Amen.

CANTICLE

An appropriate canticle may be sung according to the following chart. The Te Deum may always be used in the morning. The Magnificat, or Nunc Dimittis may always be used in the evening.

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Tuesday	Ego Dixi
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Thursday	Cantemus Domino
Friday	Domine, Audiui
Saturday	Benedicite Omnia Opera (<i>morning</i>) Dignus Est Agnus (<i>evening</i>)

BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

L Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds in His peace.

C Amen.

Christmas

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

VERSIDLES

V The Word was made flesh;

R And dwelt among us.

PSALMS

One or more Psalms are chanted or said.

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Dec. 24		132, 114
Dec. 25	2, Laudate	98, 96
Dec. 26	116, Laudate	119:1-24, 27
Dec. 27	34, Laudate	19, 121
Dec. 28	2, Laudate	110, 111
Dec. 29	96, Laudate	132, 97
Dec. 30	93, Laudate	89:1-18, 19-52
Dec. 31	98, Laudate	45, 96
Jan. 1	98, Laudate	99, 8
Jan. 2	48, Laudate	9, 29
Jan. 3	111, Laudate	107, 15
Jan. 4	20, Laudate	93, 97
Jan. 5	99, Laudate	96, 110
Jan. 6	72, Laudate	100, 76

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* XI A: Ionian

PRAYERS

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Other appropriate prayers and personal petitions may be offered. The prayers conclude with the following, according to the time of day.

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen

Midday

Blessed Lord Jesus, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray. Amen.

Evening

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously kept me this day; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Compline

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord: and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy Only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

L Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epiphany

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

VERSICLES

V The Word was made flesh;
R And dwelt among us.

PSALMS

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		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Saturday	evening	1-4	46-49	86-88	119:1-32
Sunday	morning	5-8	50-53	89	119:33-64
	evening	9-11	54-56	90-92	119:65-96
Monday	morning	12-16	57-60	93-96	119:97-136
	evening	17, 18	61-64	97-101	119:137-176
Tuesday	morning	19-21	65-67	102, 103	120-124
	evening	22-24	68	104	125-129
Wednesday	morning	25-27	69	105	130-133
	evening	28-30	70-72	106	134-135
Thursday	morning	31-33	73, 74	107, 108	136-138
	evening	34-36	75-77	109, 110	139-142
Friday	morning	37, 38	78	111-114	143-145
	evening	39-42	79-81	115-117	146, 147
Saturday	morning	43-45	82-85	118	148-150

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RESPONSE



Praise the Lord, all you | nations;*
extol Him, all you | peoples.

For great is His | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due His name;*
bring an offering and come in- | to His courts.

PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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L Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lent

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

VERSICLES

V He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth.

R And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

PSALMS

One or more Psalms are chanted or said.

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 31, 143
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 84, 150 <i>Evening:</i> 42, 32
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 119:73–80, 145 <i>Evening:</i> 121, 6
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 34, 146 <i>Evening:</i> 25, 91
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 5, 147:1–12 <i>Evening:</i> 27, 51
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 27, 147:13–21 <i>Evening:</i> 126, 102
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 22, 148 <i>Evening:</i> 105, 130
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 43, 149

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RESPONSE



Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on | Jesus,*
the author and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorn- | ing its shame,*
and sat down at the right hand of the | throne of God.

PRAYERS

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Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord: and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy Only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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- L** Bless we the Lord.
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Easter

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

VERSICLES

V Christ is risen!

R He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PSALMS

One or more Psalms are chanted or said.

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 23, 114
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 93, 150 <i>Evening:</i> 136, 117
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SCRIPTURE READING

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RESPONSE



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

God the Father has crowned Him with glory and | honor.

He has made Him ruler over the works | of His hands;*

He has put everything un- | der His feet.

PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

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Trinity

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

VERSICLES

V We bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

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		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Saturday	evening	1-4	46-49	86-88	119:1-32
Sunday	morning	5-8	50-53	89	119:33-64
	evening	9-11	54-56	90-92	119:65-96
Monday	morning	12-16	57-60	93-96	119:97-136
	evening	17, 18	61-64	97-101	119:137-176
Tuesday	morning	19-21	65-67	102, 103	120-124
	evening	22-24	68	104	125-129
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	evening	28-30	70-72	106	134-135
Thursday	morning	31-33	73, 74	107, 108	136-138
	evening	34-36	75-77	109, 110	139-142
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	evening	39-42	79-81	115-117	146, 147
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RESPONSE



Great is the Lord and most wor- | thy of praise*
His greatness no one can | fathom.
I will meditate on your won- | derful works,*
and I will proclaim Your | great deeds.

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Festivals of the Church

IMMOVABLE FESTIVALS

Chief Festivals

Christmas (The Nativity of our Lord)	December 25
The Circumcision of Christ.	January 1
The Epiphany.	January 6
The Festival of the Reformation	October 31

Minor Festivals

St. Andrew the Apostle	November 30
St. Thomas the Apostle	December 21
St. Stephen the Martyr	December 26
St. John the Apostle	December 27
The Conversion of St. Paul	January 25
The Presentation of Christ	February 2
St. Matthias the Apostle	February 24
The Annunciation	March 25
St. Philip and St. James the Apostles.	May 1
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	June 24
St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles	June 29
The Visitation	July 2
St. James the Elder the Apostle	July 25
St. Bartholomew the Apostle	August 24
St. Matthew the Apostle	September 21
St. Michael the Archangel	September 29
St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles	October 28

MOVABLE FESTIVALS

To Find the Movable Festivals: The movable festivals all depend on Easter except for Advent. Advent Sunday is always the nearest Sunday to the 30th day of November, whether before or after. Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after the 21st day of March. If the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after. The time of Easter being found, the other Festivals occur as follows: Septuagesima Sunday is nine weeks before Easter; Ash

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Festival Dates, 2023–2055

DATES FOR EASTER

2023	April 9	2034	April 9	2045	April 9
2024	March 31	2035	March 25	2046	March 25
2025	April 20	2036	April 13	2047	April 14
2026	April 5	2037	April 5	2048	April 5
2027	March 28	2038	April 25	2049	April 18
2028	April 16	2039	April 10	2050	April 10
2029	April 1	2040	April 1	2051	April 2
2030	April 21	2041	April 21	2052	April 21
2031	April 13	2042	April 6	2053	April 6
2032	March 28	2043	March 29	2054	March 29
2033	April 17	2044	April 17	2055	April 18

DATES FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2023	December 3	2034	December 3	2045	December 3
2024	December 1	2035	December 2	2046	December 2
2025	November 30	2036	November 30	2047	November 27
2026	November 29	2037	November 29	2048	November 29
2027	November 28	2038	November 28	2049	November 28
2028	December 3	2039	November 27	2050	November 30
2029	December 2	2040	December 2	2051	December 3
2030	December 1	2041	December 1	2052	December 1
2031	November 30	2042	November 30	2053	November 30
2032	November 28	2043	November 29	2054	November 29
2033	November 27	2044	November 27	2055	November 28

DATES FOR PENTECOST

2023	May 28	2034	May 28	2045	May 28
2024	May 19	2035	May 13	2046	May 13
2025	June 8	2036	June 4	2047	June 2
2026	May 24	2037	May 24	2048	May 24
2027	May 16	2038	June 13	2049	June 6
2028	June 4	2039	May 29	2050	May 2
2029	May 20	2040	June 4	2051	May 21
2030	June 9	2041	June 9	2052	June 9
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2032	May 16	2043	May 17	2054	May 17
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The Historic Lectionary

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AD TE LEVAVI

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O.T. Jer. 31:31-34
Epistle Rom. 13:11-14
Gospel Matt. 21:1-9

POPULUS ZION

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O.T. Mal. 4:1-6
Epistle Rom. 15:4-13
Gospel Luke 21:25-36

GAUDETE

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O.T. Isa. 40:1-8
Epistle 1 Cor. 4:1-5
Gospel Matt. 11:2-10

RORATE COELI

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O.T. Deut. 18:15-19
Epistle Phil. 4:4-7
Gospel John 1:19-28

CHRISTMAS DAY/

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

O.T. Isa. 9:2-7
Epistle Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Luke 2:1-14

THE SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY

Epistle Titus 3:4-7
Gospel Luke 2:15-20

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

O.T. Isa. 63:7-16
Epistle Gal. 4:1-7
Gospel Luke 2:33-40

NEW YEAR'S DAY

O.T. Josh. 24:14-18
Epistle Gal. 3:23-29
Gospel Luke 2:21

THE SUNDAY AFTER NEW YEAR

O.T. 1 Sam. 2:1-10
Epistle 1 Peter 4:12-19
Gospel Matt. 2:13-23

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

O.T. Isa. 2:2-5
Epistle Isa. 60:1-6
Gospel Matt. 2:1-12

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

O.T. Eccl. 12:1-7
Epistle Rom. 12:1-5
Gospel Luke 2:41-52

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

O.T. Isa. 61:1-6
Epistle Rom. 12:6-16
Gospel John 2:1-11

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

O.T. 2 Kings 5:1-19
Epistle Rom. 12:17-21
Gospel Matt. 8:1-13

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

O.T. Exod. 14:21-31
Epistle Rom. 13:8-10
Gospel Matt. 8:23-27

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

O.T. Ezek. 33:10-16
Epistle Col. 3:12-17
Gospel Matt. 13:24-30

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
OUR LORD

O.T. Exod. 3:1-6
Epistle 2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel Matt. 17:1-9

SEPTUAGESIMA

O.T. Jer. 9:23-24
Epistle 1 Cor. 9:24-10:5
Gospel Matt. 20:1-16

SEXAGESIMA

O.T. Amos 8:11-12
Epistle 2 Cor. 11:19-12:9
Gospel Luke 8:4-15

QUINQUAGESIMA

O.T. Jer. 8:4-9
Epistle 1 Cor. 13:1-13
Gospel Luke 18:31-43

ASH WEDNESDAY

Epistle Joel 2:12-19
Gospel Matt. 6:16-21

INVOCAVIT

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

O.T. Gen. 22:1-14
Epistle 2 Cor. 6:1-10
Gospel Matt. 4:1-11

REMINISCERE

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

O.T. Exod. 33:17-25
Epistle 1 Thess. 4:1-7
Gospel Matt. 15:21-28

OCULI

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

O.T. Jer. 26:1-15
Epistle Eph. 5:1-9
Gospel Luke 11:14-28

LAETARE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

O.T. Isa. 52:7-10
Epistle Gal. 4:21-31
Gospel John 6:1-15

JUDICA

PASSION SUNDAY

O.T. Num. 21:4-9
Epistle Heb. 9:11-15
Gospel John 8:46-59

PALMARUM

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

O.T. Zech. 9:8-12
Epistle Phi. 2:5-11
Gospel Matt. 21:1-9

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O.T. Exod. 12:1-14
Epistle 1 Cor. 11:23-32
Gospel John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY

O.T. Isa. 53:1-7
Epistle Isa. 52:13-53:12
Gospel John 18:1-19:42

EASTER

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

O.T. Isa. 25:1-8
Epistle 1 Cor. 5:6-8
Gospel Mark 16:1-8

MONDAY AFTER EASTER

Epistle Acts 10:34-41
Gospel Luke 24:13-35

QUASIMODO GENITI

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O.T. Gen. 32:22-31
Epistle 1 John 5:4-12
Gospel John 20: 19-31

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O.T. Ezek. 34:11-16
Epistle 1 Peter 2:21-25
Gospel John 10:11-16

JUBILATE

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O.T. Isa. 40:26-31
Epistle 1 Peter 2:11-20
Gospel John 16:16-23

CANTATE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O.T. Isa. 49:1-15
Epistle James 1:16-21
Gospel John 16:5-15

ROGATE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O.T. Isa. 55:6-11
Epistle James 1:22-27
Gospel John 16:23-30

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

O.T. Gen. 5:21-24
Epistle Acts 1:1-11
Gospel Mark 16:14-20

EXAUDI

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

O.T. Isa. 32:14-20
Epistle 1 Peter 4:7-11
Gospel John 15:26-16:4

WHITSUNDAY

THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

O.T. Ezek. 36:22-28
Epistle Acts 2:1-13
Gospel John 14:23-31

MONDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK

Epistle Acts 10:42-48
Gospel John 3:16-21

THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY

TRINITY

O.T. Isa. 6:1-6
Epistle Rom. 11:33-36
Gospel John 3:1-15

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER

TRINITY

O.T. Deut. 6:4-13
Epistle 1 John 4:16-21
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER

TRINITY

O.T. Prov. 9:1-10
Epistle 1 John 3:13-18
Gospel Luke 14:16-24

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER

TRINITY

O.T. Isa. 12:1-6
Epistle 1 Peter 5:6-11
Gospel Luke 15:1-10

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Isa. 65:17-19, 20-23, 24-25
Epistle Rom. 8:18-23
Gospel Luke 6:36-42

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Lam. 3:22-32
Epistle 1 Peter 3:8-15
Gospel Luke 5:1-11

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Ruth 1:1-17
Epistle Rom. 6:3-11
Gospel Matt. 5:20-26

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Isa. 62:6-12
Epistle Rom. 6:19-23
Gospel Mark 8:1-9

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Jer. 23:16-29
Epistle Rom. 8:12-17
Gospel Matt. 7:15-23

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Prov. 16:1-9
Epistle 1 Cor. 10:6-13
Gospel Luke 16:1-9

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Jer. 7:1-11
Epistle 1 Cor. 12:1-11
Gospel Luke 19:41-48

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Dan. 9:15-18
Epistle 1 Cor. 15:1-10
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Isa. 29:18-21
Epistle 2 Cor. 3:4-11
Gospel Mark 7:31-37

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Zech. 7:4-10
Epistle Gal. 3:15-22
Gospel Luke 10:23-37

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Prov. 4:14-23
Epistle Gal. 5:16-24
Gospel Luke 17:11-19

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. 1 Kings 17:8-16
Epistle Gal. 5:25-6:10
Gospel Matt. 6:24-34

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

O.T. Job 5:17-26
Epistle Eph. 3:13-21
Gospel Luke 7:11-17

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Prov. 25:6-13
Epistle Eph. 4:1-6
Gospel Luke 14:1-11

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. 2 Chron. 1:7-12
Epistle 1 Cor. 1:4-9
Gospel Matt. 22:34-46

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Gen. 28:10-17
Epistle Eph. 4:22-28
Gospel Matt. 9:1-8

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Prov. 2:1-8
Epistle Eph. 5:15-21
Gospel Matt. 22:1-14

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. 2 Sam. 7:17-29
Epistle Eph. 6:10-17
Gospel John 4:46-54

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Prov. 24:14-20
Epistle Phil. 1:3-11
Gospel Matt. 18:23-35

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. 2 Kings 23:1-3
Epistle Phil. 3:17-21
Gospel Matt. 22:15-22

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
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O.T. 1 Kings 17:17-24
Epistle Col. 1:9-14
Gospel Matt. 9:18-26

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
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O.T. Job 14:1-5
Epistle 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Gospel Matt. 24:15-28

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Dan. 7:9-14
Epistle 2 Peter 3:3-14, or
2 Thess. 1:3-10
Gospel Matt. 25:31-46

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

O.T. Isa. 35:3-10
Epistle 1 Thess. 5:1-11
Gospel Matt. 25:1-13

FEASTS AND FESTIVALS

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE: DEC. 21

O.T. Judges 6:36-40
Epistle Eph. 1:3-6
Gospel John 20:24-31

ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR: DEC. 26

O.T. 2 Chron. 24:18-25
Epistle Acts 6:8-7:60
Gospel Matt. 23:34-39

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE: DEC. 27

O.T. Hosea 11:1-4
Epistle 1 John 1:1-10
Gospel John 21:19-24

THE CONVERSION OF

ST. PAUL: JAN. 25

O.T. Jer. 1:4-10
Epistle Acts 9:1-22
Gospel Matt. 19:27-30

THE PRESENTATION OF
OUR LORD: FEB. 2

O.T. Hag 2:6-9
Epistle Mal. 3:1-4
Gospel Luke 2:22-32

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE:
FEB. 24

O.T. Isa. 66:1-2
Epistle Acts 1:15-26
Gospel Matt. 11:25-30

THE ANNUNCIATION: MAR. 25

O.T. Micah 5:3-5
Epistle Isa. 7:10-16
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST:
APR. 25

O.T. Isa. 55:1-5
Epistle Eph. 4:7-13
Gospel John 15:1-11

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES,
APOSTLES: MAY 1

O.T. Mal. 3:16-18
Epistle Eph. 2:19-22
Gospel John 14:1-14

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN
THE BAPTIST: JUN. 24

O.T. Mal. 4:4-6
Epistle Isa. 40:1-5
Gospel Luke 1:57-80

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL,
APOSTLES: JUN. 29

O.T. Isa. 22:2-23
Epistle Acts 12:1-11
Gospel Matt. 16:13-20

THE VISITATION: JUL. 2

O.T. Judges 13:2-7
Epistle Isa. 11:1-5
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

ST. JAMES THE ELDER,
APOSTLE: JUL. 25

O.T. 1 Kings 19:9-18
Epistle Rom. 8:28-39
Gospel Matt. 20:20-33

ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
APOSTLE: AUG. 24

O.T. Prov. 3:1-7
Epistle 2 Cor. 4:7-10
Gospel Luke 22:24-30

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST: SEP. 21

O.T. Prov. 30:7-9
Epistle Eph. 4:7-14
Gospel Matt. 9:9-13

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS:
SEP. 29

O.T. 2 Kings 6:14-17
Epistle Rev. 12:7-12
Gospel Matt. 18:1-11

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST: OCT. 18

O.T. Isa. 35:5-8
Epistle 2 Tim. 4:5-11
Gospel Luke 10:1-9

ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE,
APOSTLES: OCT. 28

O.T. Jer. 26:16-19
Epistle 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel John 15:17-21

THE FESTIVAL OF THE
REFORMATION: OCT. 31

O.T. 1 Sam. 3:19-4:1

Epistle Gal. 2:16-21, or Rev. 14:6-7

Gospel John 8:31-36, or Matt. 11:12-15

ALL SAINTS' DAY: NOV. 1

O.T. Deut. 33:1-3

Epistle Rev. 7:2-17

Gospel Matt. 5:1-12

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE: NOV. 30

O.T. Ezek. 3:16-21

Epistle Rom. 10:10-18

Gospel Matt. 4:18-22

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST

O.T. Deut. 11:8-17

Epistle 2 Cor. 9:6-11

Gospel Luke 12:15-21

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND
PRAYER

O.T. 1 Sam. 7:3-12

Epistle Rev. 3:1-6

Gospel Luke 15:11-32

A DAY OF GENERAL OR
SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

O.T. Deut. 8:1-20, or Isa. 26:1-12,
or Isa. 61:10-11

Epistle: 1 Tim. 2:1-8 or James 1:16-27

Gospel: Matt. 6:25-34

Lessons for Morning and Evening

These lessons may be used at Matins and Vespers, or at Morning and Evening Prayer of the household, during the week. The lessons appointed for days between the Fourth Sunday in Advent and the First Sunday after Epiphany are to be omitted when the days for which they are appointed do not occur. When there are not six Sundays after Epiphany, the Lessons for the week after the First Sunday may be omitted one year, and those which follow another Sunday, the second year, and so on, in order that in the course of several years all the lessons provided may be read. The Lessons appointed for the days from the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity to the end of the year are to be read in every year, and those appointed for the weeks before the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity are to be omitted so far as necessary to this end. In this table the first lesson is for the morning, and the second for the evening of each day.

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1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Mon. Matt. 11:25–30; Gen. 3:1–24
Tues. Acts 3: 22–26; Gen. 9:1–19
Wed. Col. 1:15–29; Gen. 22:1–19
Th. Heb. 1:1–4; Gen. 49:1–28
Fri. Heb. 2:1–4; Num. 24:14–25
Sat. Eph. 3:1–12; Deut. 18:15–19

POPULUS ZION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Mon. Acts 17:16–34; 1 Chr. 17:1–27
Tues. 1 John 4:9–16; 2 Chr. 7:11–22
Wed. Col. 1:1–8; Is. 11:1–10
Th. Phil. 2:12–18; Jer. 23:2–8
Fri. Phil. 3:12–16; Jer. 30:1–22
Sat. Col. 3:1–11; Jer. 33:14–26

GAUDETE

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Mon. Heb. 10:35–39; Is. 2:1–5
Tues. Luke. 21:5–24; Is. 24:21–25:5
Wed. Luke 12:35–59; Is. 25:6–10
Th. James 5:7–11; Is. 26:1–21
Fri. Luke 1:1–25; Is. 51:1–16
Sat. Luke 1:26–38; Is. 52:1–12

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Mon. Matt. 1:18–25; Is. 40:1–11
Tues. Luke 1:39–45; Mal. 3:1–7
Wed. Luke 1:46–56; Mal. 4:1–6
Th. Luke 1:57–66; Is. 28:14–19
Fri. Luke 1:67–80; Is. 7:1–17
Sat. Matt. 1:1–17; Mic. 5:1–5

CHRISTMAS

Dec. 27. John 1:15–18; Mic. 4:1–8
Dec. 28. Luke 2:15–20; Is. 32:1–8
Dec. 29. Luke 2:22–24; Is. 46:3–13
Dec. 30. Luke 2: 25–32; Is. 49:1–13
Dec. 31. Matt. 2:13–15; Is. 55:1–13
Jan. 2. Matt. 2:16–18; Is. 42:1–9
Jan. 3. Matt. 2:19–23; Is. 61:1–11
Jan. 4. Matt. 3:1–12; Is. 56:1–8
Jan. 5. Luke 3:1–9; Is. 12:1–6

EPIPHANY

Mon. Luke 3:10–14; Gen. 1:1–31
Tues. Luke 3:15–20; Gen. 2:1–25
Wed. Mark 1:1–8; Gen. 4:1–26
Th. Mark 1:9–11; Gen. 5:1–32
Fri. Luke 3:21–22; Gen. 6:9–22
Sat. Luke 3:23–38; Gen. 7:1–24

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mon. John 1:29–34; Gen. 8:1–22
Tues. John 1:35–42; Gen. 11:1–9
Wed. John 1:43–51; Gen. 12:1–20
Th. Luke 4:1–13; Gen. 13:1–18
Fri. Mark 1:12–15; Gen. 14:8–24
Sat. Matt. 4:12–17; Gen. 15:1–21

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mon. Matt. 4:18–25; Gen. 17:1–22
Tues. Matt. 5:1–9; Gen. 18:1–33
Wed. Matt. 5:27–48; Gen. 19:1–29
Th. Matt. 6:1–23; Gen. 21:1–8
Fri. Matt. 7:1–14; Gen. 24:1–28
Sat. Matt. 7:24–29; Gen. 24:29–67

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mon. Matt. 8:14–22; Gen. 25:19–34
Tues. Matt. 8:28–34; Gen. 27:1–45
Wed. Matt. 9:9–17; Gen. 27:46–28:22
Th. Matt. 9:27–38; Gen. 29:1–20
Fri. Matt. 10:1–16; Gen. 31:1–18
Sat. Matt. 10:17–11:1; Gen. 32:3–32

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mon. Matt. 11:11–24; Gen. 33:1–20
Tues. Matt. 12:1–21; Gen. 35:1–21
Wed. Matt. 12:22–50; Gen. 37:1–36
Th. Matt. 13:1–23; Gen. 39:1–23
Fri. Matt. 14:1–36; Gen. 40:1–23
Sat. Matt. 15:1–20; Gen. 41:1–37

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mon. Matt. 15:29–39; Gen. 41:38–57
Tues. Matt. 16:1–12; Gen. 42:1–38
Wed. Matt. 16:21–28; Gen. 43:1–34
Th. Matt. 17:9–27; Gen. 44:1–34
Fri. Matt. 19:1–15; Gen. 45:1–28
Sat. Matt. 20:17–34; Gen. 46:1–34

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mon. Matt. 21:10–46; Gen. 47:1–31
Tues. Matt. 23:1–39; Gen. 48:1–22
Wed. Mark 1:16–45; Ex. 1:1–22
Th. Mark 2:1–28; Ex. 2:1–25
Fri. Mark 3:1–35; Ex. 3:1–22
Sat. Mark 5:1–20; Ex. 4:1–31

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Mon. Mark 5:21–43; Ex. 5:1–23
Tues. Mark 6:1–29; Ex. 6:1–13
Wed. Mark 6:30–56; Ex. 11:1–10
Th. Mark 7:1–30; Ex. 12:1–28
Fri. Mark 8:10–9:1; Ex. 12:29–42
Sat. Mark 9:2–32; Ex. 13:1–22

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Mon. Mark 10:1–31; Ex. 14:1–31
Tues. Mark 10:32–52; Ex. 15:1–21
Wed. Mark 11:1–33; Ex. 15:22–16:36
Th. Mark 12:13–44; Ex. 17:1–16
Fri. Luke 4:14–44; Ex. 19:1–25
Sat. Luke 5:12–39; Ex. 20:1–23

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Mon. Luke 6:1-35; Ex. 24:1-25:9

Tues. Luke 6:33-49; Ex. 31:18-32:35

Wed. Luke 7:1-10; Ex. 33:1-23

Th. Luke 7:18-8:3; Ex. 34:1-10

Fri. Luke 8:16-56; Ex. 34:27-35

Sat. Luke 9:1-27; Ex. 40:1-38

INVOCAVIT

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Mon. Luke 9:28-62; Num. 3:5-13

Tues. Luke 10:1-22; Num. 10:11-36

Wed. Luke 10:38-11:13; Num. 11:1-35

Th. Luke 11:29-36; Num. 12:1-15

Fri. Luke 11:37-54; Num. 13:1-25

Sat. Luke 12:1-34; Num. 13:26-33

REMINISCERE

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Mon. Luke 13:1-17; Num. 14:1-45

Tues. Luke 14:25-35; Num. 16:1-22

Wed. Luke 15:11-32; Num. 16:23-50

Th. Luke 16:10-18; Num. 20:1-29

Fri. Luke 17:1-10; Num. 20:1-29

Sat. Luke 18:1-8; Num. 21:1-22:1

OCULI

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Mon. Luke 18:15-30; Num. 22:2-41

Tues. Luke 19:1-40; Num. 23:1-30

Wed. Luke 20:1-21:4; Num. 24:1-13

Th. Luke 21:37-22:38; Num. 27:12-23

Fri. Luke 22:39-71; Deut. 5:1-33

Sat. Luke 23:1-25; Deut. 8:1-20

LAETARE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Mon. Luke 23:26-56; Deut. 9:1-29

Tues. Matt. 26:1-35; Deut. 10:1-22

Wed. Matt. 26:36-75; Deut. 11:1-32

Th. Matt. 27:1-38; Deut. 28:1-14

Fri. Matt. 27:39-66; Deut. 28:15-68

Sat. Mark 14:1-31; Deut. 34:1-12

JUDICA

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Mon. Mark 14:32-72; Jer. 2:1-19

Tues. Mark 15:1-19; Hosea 13:9-14

Wed. Mark 15:20-47; Zeph. 3:1-8

Th. John 12:1-19; Micah 3:9-12

Fri. John 12:20-50; Is. 66:1-9

Sat. John 13:16-38; Zech. 9:1-17

PALMARUM

PALM SUNDAY

Mon. John 18:1-18; Jer. 7:1-15

Tues. John 18:19-40; Is. 50:4-11

Wed. John 19:1-12; Jer. 11:18-23

Th. John 19:13-24; Zech. 3:1-10

Fri. John 19:25-37; Lam. 2:8-15

Sat. John 19:38-42; Is. 52:13-15

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Monday

Tues. Matt. 28:1-15; Eze. 17:22-24

Wed. John 20:1-18; Haggai 2:20-23

Th. Luke 24:1-12; Zech. 6:9-15

Fri. Luke 24:36-49; Eze. 17:22-24

Sat. Mark 16:9-14; Is. 44:21-28

QUASIMODOGENITI

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mon. John 21:1-25; Jonah 1:1-16

Tues. John 2:12-25; Jonah 1:17-2:10

Wed. John 3:22-36; Jonah 3:1-10

Th. John 4:1-27; Jonah 4:1-11

Fri. John 4:28-38; Is. 33:2-6

Sat. John 4:39-45; Is. 42:10-17

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mon. John 5:1-17; Micah 2:12-13

Tues. John 5:18-30; Is. 30:19-26

Wed. John 5:31-47; Jer. 3:11-19

Th. John 6:16-29; Eze. 34:1-11

Fri. John 6:30-40; Eze. 34:12-22

Sat. John 6:41-59; Eze. 34:23-31

JUBILATE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mon. John 6:60–71; Eze. 36:1–15
Tues. John 7:1–13; Eze. 36:16–32
Wed. John 7:14–24; Eze. 36:33–38
Th. John 7:25–36; Haggai 2:2–9
Fri. John 7:37–53; Zech. 2:1–13
Sat. John 8:1–11; Zech. 11:1–17

CANTATE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mon. John 8:12–20; Zech. 12:1–14
Tues. John 8:21–29; Is. 65:1–7
Wed. John 8:30–45; Is. 65:8–16
Th. John 9:1–13; Jer. 8:4–13
Fri. John 9:14–34; Zech. 8:18–23
Sat. John 9:35–41; Is. 49:22–26

ROGATE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mon. John 10:1–5; Amos 9:8–15
Tues. John 10:6–10; Is. 4:2–6
Wed. Matt. 28:16–20; Is. 29:18–24
Ascension Day
Fri. Luke 24:50–53; Micah 7:7–13
Sat. Acts 1:12–26; Micah 7:14–20

EXAUDI

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Mon. John 10:17–21; Zech. 13:7–9
Tues. John 10:22–31; Zech. 14:1–21
Wed. John 10:32–42; Is. 66:10–24
Th. John 11:1–27; Jer. 46:27–28
Fri. John 11:28–44; Is. 32:9–20
Sat. John 11:45–57; Is. 57:15–21

WITSUNDAY (PENTECOST)

Witmonday

Tues. Acts 2:14–36; Eze. 47:1–12
Wed. Acts 2:37–47; Is. 45:18–21
Th. John 14:1–22; Is. 45:22–25
Fri. John 15:1–25; Jer. 9:23–26
Sat. John 16:31–17:26; Is. 44:6–8

TRINITY SUNDAY

Mon. Acts 3:1–21; Josh. 1:1–18
Tues. Acts 4:1–37; Josh. 3:1–17
Wed. Acts 5:1–42; Josh. 4:1–24
Th. Acts 6:1–15; Josh. 6:1–27
Fri. Acts 7:1–60; Josh. 8:1–35
Sat. Acts 8:1–40; Josh. 9:1–27

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Acts 9:1–43; Josh. 10:1–15
Tues. Acts 10:1–33; Josh. 11:1–23
Wed. Acts 11:1–30; Josh. 23:1–16
Th. Acts 12:1–25; Josh. 24:1–31
Fri. Acts 13:1–52; Judges 2:1–23
Sat. Acts 14:1–28; Judges 6:1–40

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Acts 15:1–41; Judges 7:1–25
Tues. Acts 16:1–40; Judges 13:1–25
Wed. Acts 17:1–15; Judges 14:1–20
Th. Acts 18:1–28; Judges 15:1–20
Fri. Acts 19:1–41; Judges 16:4–31
Sat. Acts 20:1–38; 1 Sam. 1:1–28

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Acts 21:1–39; 1 Sam. 2:1–21
Tues. Acts 21:40–22:29; 1 Sam. 3:1–21
Wed. Acts 22:30–23:35; 1 Sam. 4:1–22
Th. Acts 24:1–27; 1 Sam. 5:1–12
Fri. Acts 25:1–27; 1 Sam. 7:1–17
Sat. Acts 26:1–32; 1 Sam. 8:1–22

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Acts 27:1–44; 1 Sam. 9:1–27
Tues. Acts 28:1–31; 1 Sam. 10:1–27
Wed. Rom. 1:1–15; 1 Sam. 12:1–25
Th. Rom. 1:16–32; 1 Sam. 13:1–14
Fri. Rom. 2:1–29; 1 Sam. 15:1–35
Sat. Rom. 3:1–31; 1 Sam. 16:1–23

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Rom. 4:1-25; 1 Sam. 17:1-58
Tues. Rom. 5:1-6:2; 1 Sam. 18:1-21
Wed. Rom. 6:12-18; 1 Sam. 19:1-24
Th. Rom. 7:1-25; 1 Sam. 20:1-42
Fri. Rom. 8:1-11; 1 Sam. 22:1-23
Sat. Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Sam. 24:1-22

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Rom. 14:1-15:3; 1 Sam. 26:1-25
Tues. Rom. 15:14-33; 1 Sam. 28:3-25
Wed. Rom. 16:1-27; 1 Sam. 31:1-13
Th. 1 Cor. 1:10-31; 2 Sam. 1:1-27
Fri. 1 Cor. 2:1-16; 2 Sam. 5:1-25
Sat. 1 Cor. 4:6-5:5; 2 Sam. 6:1-23

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. 1 Cor. 5:9-6:20; 1 Chr. 16:1-43
Tues. 1 Cor. 7:1-40; 2 Sam. 7:1-29
Wed. 1 Cor. 8:1-13; 2 Sam. 12:1-23
Th. 1 Cor. 9:1-23; 2 Sam. 15:1-15
Fri. 1 Cor. 10:14-33; 2 Sam. 16:5-35
Sat. 1 Cor. 11:1-22; 2 Sam. 18:1-13

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. 1 Cor. 12:12-31; 2 Sam. 19:1-23
Tues. 1 Cor. 14:1-40; 1 Chr. 21:1-30
Wed. 1 Cor. 15:58-16:24; 1 Chr. 22:1-19
Th. 2 Cor. 1:1-24; 1 Chr. 28:1-21
Fri. 2 Cor. 2:1-3:3; 1 Chr. 29:1-23
Sat. 2 Cor. 6:11-7:16; 2 Chr. 1:1-13

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. 2 Cor. 8:1-24; 1 Kings 3:16-28
Tues. 2 Cor. 9:1-15; 1 Kings 4:22-34
Wed. 2 Cor. 10:1-18; 1 Kings 5:1-18
Th. 2 Cor. 11:1-18; 2 Chr. 3:1-17
Fri. 2 Cor. 12:19-13:13; 1 Kings 7:1-12
Sat. Gal. 1:1-24; 1 Kings 8:1-66

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Gal. 2:1-21; 1 Kings 9:1-28
Tues. Gal. 3:1-14; 1 Kings 10:1-29
Wed. Gal. 4:8-20; 1 Kings 11:1-43
Th. Gal. 5:1-15; 1 Kings 12:1-33
Fri. Gal. 6:11-18; 1 Kings 13:1-34
Sat. Eph. 6:1-9; 1 Kings 14:1-31

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Eph. 6:18-24; 1 Kgs. 16:29-17:24
Tues. Phil. 1:12-2:4; 1 Kings 18:1-46
Wed. Phil. 2:19-30; 1 Kings 19:1-21
Th. Phil. 3:1-11; 1 Kings 21:1-29
Fri. Phil. 4:1-3. 1Kng. 22:52 - 2Kng. 1:17
Sat. Phil. 4:8-23; 2 Kings 2:1-25

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Col. 2:1-23; 2 Kings 4:1-44
Tues. Col. 3:18-4:18; 2 Kings 5:1-27
Wed. 1 Thess. 1:1-10; 2 Kings 6:1-23
Th. 1 Thess. 2:1-20; 2 Kings 6:24-7:20
Fri. 1 Thess. 3:1-13; 2 Kings 8:1-15
Sat. 1 Thess. 4:8-12; 2 Kings 9:1-37

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. 1 Thes. 5:12-28; 2 Kings 10:1-36
Tues. 1 Tim. 1:1-20; 2 Chr. 22:1-12
Wed. 1 Tim. 2:1-15; 2 Chr. 23:1-21
Th. 1 Tim. 3:1-16; 2 Chr. 24:1-27
Fri. 1 Tim. 4:1-16; 2 Kings 14:1-29
Sat. 1 Tim. 5:1-25; 2 Kings 15:1-38

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mon. 1 Tim. 6:1-21; Is. 6:1-13
Tues. 2 Tim. 1:1-18; Amos 7:7-17
Wed. 2 Tim. 2:1-26; 2 Kings. 16:1-20
Th. Titus 1:1-16; 2 Kings 17:1-23
Fri. Titus 2:1-10; 2 Kings 18:1-37
Sat. Titus 2:15-3:3; 2 Kings 19:1-37

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. Titus 3:8-15; 2 Kings 20:1-21
Tues. Philemon 1-25; 2 Kings 21:1-26
Wed. Heb. 1:1-14; 2 Chr. 34:1-33
Th. Heb. 2:5-3:6; 2 Chr. 35:20-36:10
Fri. Heb. 4:14-5:14; Jer. 22:1-30
Sat. Heb. 6:1-20; Jer. 25:1-14

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. Heb. 7:1-28; Jer. 37:1-21
Tues. Heb. 8:1-13; Jer. 38:1-28
Wed. Heb. 9:1-10; Jer. 32:1-44
Th. Heb. 9:16-28; Jer. 39:1-18
Fri. Heb. 10:1-34; Jer. 29:1-23
Sat. Heb. 11:1-7; Daniel 1:1-21

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. Heb. 11:17-40; Daniel 3:1-30
Tue. Heb. 12:1-17; Daniel 4:1-37
Wed. Heb. 13:1-25; Daniel 5:1-30
Th. James. 1:1-15; Daniel 5:31-6:28
Fri. James 2:1-13; Ezra 1:1-11
Sat. James 2:14-26; Ezra 3:1-13

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. James 3:1-18; Ezra 4:1-24
Tues. James 4:1-5:6; Haggai 1:1-15
Wed. James 5:12-20; Ezra 5:1-17
Th. 1 Peter 3:1-7; Ezra 6:1-22
Fri. 1 Peter 3:15-22; Ezra 7:1-28
Sat. 1 Peter 5:1-5; Ezra 8:31-9:15

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. 1 John 1:1-10; Neh. 1:1-11
Tues. 1 John 2:1-17; Neh. 2:1-20
Wed. 1 John 5:1-3; Neh. 4:1-23
Th. 1 John 5:10-21; Neh. 8:1-18
Fri. 2 John 1-13; Neh. 9:1-38
Sat. 3 John 1-14; Zech. 8:1-23

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. Mark 4:1-41; Is. 43:1-13
Tues. Luke 13:18-35; Is. 41:1-20
Wed. Matt. 13:31-58; Hab. 2:1-4
Th. Matt. 16:13-20; Is. 63:7-19
Fri. 2 Cor. 3:10-4:18; Is. 64:1-12
Sat. 2 Cor. 5:1-21; Is. 5:1-7

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. Eph. 1:1-23; Micah 6:1-8
Tues. Eph. 2:1-22; Is. 58:1-14
Wed. Eph. 4:7-21; Is. 59:1-21
Th. Eph. 4:29-32; Jer. 31:1-22
Fri. Eph. 5:10-14; Jer. 31:23-40
Sat. Eph. 5:22-33; Is. 48:1-22

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Matt. 18:1-22; Micah 4:9-5:1
Tues. Mark 9:33-50; Is. 49:14-21
Wed. Luke 17:20-37; Is. 2:10-21
Th. Rom. 8:24-39; Is. 63:1-6
Fri. Mark 12:1-12; Joel 2:1-11
Sat. Matt. 25:14-30; Joel 2:12-27

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. 1 Cor. 3:1-23; Joel 3:1-13
Tues. Matt. 19:16-30; Joel 3:14-21
Wed. Luke 14:12-15; Obad. 1-21
Th. Mark 13:1-37; Nah. 1:1-14
Fri. Rom. 9:1-33; Nah. 1:15-3:19
Sat. Rom. 10:1-21; Is. 10:5-27

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

Mon. Rom. 11:1-36; Is. 13:1-22
Tues. 2 Thess. 1:11-2:17; Is. 13:1-27
Wed. 2 Thess. 3:1-18; Is. 47:1-15
Th. 2 Tim. 3:1-17; Daniel 2:27-45
Fri. 2 Tim. 4:1-22; Daniel 7:1-28
Sat. Matt. 24:1-14; Daniel 9:1-27

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. Matt. 24:29-51; Dan. 11:36-12:13

Tues. Mat. 22:23-33; Eze. 38:1-23

Wed. 1 Cor. 15:11-50; Eze. 39:1-29

Th. Heb. 3:7-4:13; Is. 43:14-25

Fri. Heb. 11:8-16; Is. 33:17-24

Sat. Heb. 12:18-29; Eze. 37:1-14

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Mon. 1 Peter 1:1-12; Zep. 3:9-20

Tues. 1 Peter 1:13-2:10; Is. 34:1-17

Wed. 1 Peter 4:1-7; Is. 35:1-10

Th. 1 Peter 4:12-19; Is. 54:1-17

Fri. 2 Peter 1:1-15; Is. 60:7-22

Sat. 2 Peter 2:1-22; Is. 62:1-12

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

Mon. 2 Peter 3:1-18; Is. 65:17-25

Tues. Jude 1-25; Eze. 37:15-28

Wed. 1 John 2:18-29; Hab. 3:1-19

Th. 1 John 3:1-12; Is. 40:27-31

Fri. 1 John 3:19-24; Jer. 14:7-9

Sat. 1 John 4:1-8; Mal. 3:7-18

Canticles

Monday

Isaiah 12:1-6

Confitebor Tibi



- 1 O LORD, I will praise You though
You were an- | gry with me,*
Your anger is turned away, and
You | comfort me.
- 2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will
trust and not | be afraid;*
'For YAH, the LORD, is my
strength and song; He also has
become my sal- | vation.'"
- 3 Therefore with joy you will draw |
water*
from the wells of sal- | vation.
- 4 And in that day you will say:
"Praise the LORD, call up- | on His
name;*
Declare His deeds among the
peoples, make mention that His
name is ex- | alted.
- 5 Sing to the LORD, for He has
done | excellent things;*
This is known in | all the earth.
- 6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant
of | Zion,*
for great is the Holy One of
Israel | in your midst!"

Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Tuesday

Isaiah 38:10-20

Ego Dixi



- 10 I said, "In the prime of my life I
shall go to the gates of | Sheol;*
I am deprived of the remainder |
of my years."
- 11 I said, "I shall not see YAH, the
LORD in the land of the | living;*
I shall observe man no more
among the inhabitants | of the
world.
- 12 My life span is gone, taken from
me like a | shepherd's tent;*
I have cut off my life like a |
weaver.
He cuts me off | from the loom;*
From day until night You make
an | end of me.
- 13 I have considered until morning—
Like a lion, so He breaks | all my
bones;*
From day until night You make
an | end of me.

14 Like a crane or a swallow, so I
chattered; I mourned | like a
dove;*

My eyes fail from look-
ing upward. O LORD, I am
oppressed; Under- | take for me!

15 “What shall I say? He has both
spoken to me, and He Himself
has | done it.*

I shall walk carefully all my
years in the bitterness | of my
soul.

16 O Lord, by these things men live;
And in all these things is the life
of my | spirit;*

So You will restore me and |
make me live.

17 Indeed it was for my own peace
that I had great | bitterness;*

But You have lovingly delivered
my soul from the pit of corrup-
tion, for You have cast all my
sins be- | hind Your back.

18 For Sheol cannot thank You, death
cannot | praise You;*

Those who go down to the pit
cannot hope | for Your truth.

19 The living, the living man, he
shall praise You, as I | do this
day;*

The father shall make known
Your truth to the | children.

20 “The LORD was ready to | save
me;*

Therefore we will sing my songs
with stringed instruments
all the days of our life, in the
house | of the LORD.”

Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Wednesday

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Exultavit Cor Meum



1 “My heart rejoices | in the LORD;*
My horn is exalted | in the
LORD.

I smile at my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in Your sal- |
vation.

2 “No one is holy like the LORD, for
there is none be- | sides You,*
nor is there any rock | like our
God.

3 “Talk no more so very proudly;
Let no arrogance come | from
your mouth,*
for the LORD is the God of
knowledge; And by Him
actions | are weighed.

4 “The bows of the mighty men
are | broken,*
and those who stumbled are
gir- | ded with strength.

5 Those who were full have hired
themselves | out for bread,*
and the hungry have ceased to |
hunger.

Even the barren has borne |
seven,*

and she who has many children
has become | feeble.

- 6 "The LORD kills and | makes
alive;*"
He brings down to the grave |
and brings up.
- 7 The LORD makes poor and |
makes rich;*"
He brings low and | lifts up.
- 8 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the beggar from the | ash
heap;*"
to set them among princes and
make them inherit the throne
of | glory.
- "For the pillars of the earth | are
the LORD's;*"
and He has set the world up- |
on them.
- 9 He will guard the feet of His saints,
but the wicked shall be silent in |
darkness.*
"For by strength no man | shall
prevail.
- 10 The adversaries of the LORD shall
be broken in | pieces;*"
From heaven He will thunder
a- | gainst them.
- The LORD will judge the ends | of
the earth.*
"He will give strength to His
king, and exalt the horn of His
a- | nointed."
- Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*"
and to the Holy | Spirit.
- As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Thursday

Exodus 15:1-19

Cantemus Domino



- 1 "I will sing to the LORD, for He
has triumphed | gloriously!*"
The horse and its rider He has
thrown in- | to the sea!
- 2 The LORD is my strength and
song, and He has become my
sal- | vation;*"
He is my God, and I will praise
Him; My father's God, and I will
ex- | alt Him.
- 3 The LORD is a | man of war;*"
The LORD | is His name.
- 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army
He has cast in- | to the sea;*"
His chosen captains also are
drowned in the | Red Sea.
- 5 The depths have | covered them;*"
They sank to the bottom | like
a stone.
- 6 "Your right hand, O LORD, has
become glori- | ous in power;*"
Your right hand, O LORD, has
dashed the enemy in | pieces.
- 7 And in the greatness of Your excel-
lence You have overthrown those
who rose a- | gainst You;*"
You sent forth Your wrath; It
consumed them like | stubble.
- 8 And with the blast of Your nostrils
the waters were gathered to- |
gether;*"
The floods stood upright like a
heap; The depths congealed in
the heart | of the sea.

- 9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will di- | vide the spoil;*
- My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall de- | stroy them.'
- 10 You blew with Your wind, the sea | covered them;*
- They sank like lead in the mighty | waters.
- 11 "Who is like You, O LORD, a- | mong the gods?*
- Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing | wonders?
- 12 You stretched out Your | right hand;*
- The earth | swallowed them.
- 13 You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You | have redeemed;*
- You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habi- | tation.
- 14 "The people will hear and | be afraid;*
- Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Phil- | istia.
- 15 Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of | Moab;*
- trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will | melt away.
- 16 Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm they will be as still | as a stone;*
- till Your people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over whom You have | purchased.

- 17 You will bring them in and | plant them*
- in the mountain of Your in- | heritance,
- In the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your own | dwelling;*
- the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have e- | stablished.
- 18 "The LORD shall reign forever and | ever."*
- For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horse- men in- | to the sea,
- 19 and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea up- | on them.*
- But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst | of the sea.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
- and to the Holy | Spirit.
- As it was in the be- | ginning;*
- is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Friday

Habakkuk 3:2-19

Domine, Audivi



- 2 O LORD, I have heard Your speech and | was afraid;*
- O LORD, revive Your work in the midst | of the years!
- In the midst of the years | make it known;*
- In wrath remember | mercy.

- 3 God came from Teman, the Holy
One from | Mount Paran.*
His glory covered the heavens,
and the earth was full | of His
praise.
- 4 His brightness was | like the
light;*
He had rays flashing from His
hand, and there His power was |
hidden.
- 5 Before Him went | pestilence,*
and fever followed | at His feet.
- 6 He stood and meas- | ured the
earth;*
He looked and startled the |
nations.*
- 8 And the everlasting mountains
were scattered, the perpetual |
hills bowed.*
His ways are ever- | lasting.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in af- |
fliction;*
The curtains of the land of
Midian | trembled.
- 8 O LORD, were You displeased with
the rivers, was Your anger against
the | rivers,*
Was Your wrath a- | gainst the
sea,
that You rode on Your | horses,*
your chariots of sal- | vation?
- 9 Your bow was made quite | ready;*
Oaths were sworn over Your |
arrows.
- 10 You divided the earth with |
rivers.*
The mountains saw You and
trembled; The overflowing of
the water | passed by.*
The deep ut- | tered its voice,*
and lifted its | hands on high.
- 11 The sun and moon stood still in
their habi- | tation;*
At the light of Your arrows they
went, at the shining of Your
glit- | tering spear.
- 12 You marched through the land in
indig- | nation;*
You trampled the nations in |
anger.
- 13 You went forth for the salvation of
Your | people,*
for salvation with Your A- |
nointed.
You struck the head from the
house of the | wicked,*
by laying bare from founda- |
tion to neck.
- 14 You thrust through with his own
arrows the head of his | villages.*
They came out like a whirlwind
to scatter me; Their rejoicing
was like feasting on the poor in |
secret.
- 15 You walked through the sea with
Your | horses,*
through the heap of great |
waters.
- 16 When I heard, my body trembled;
My lips quivered | at the voice;*
Rottenness entered my bones;
And I trembled | in myself,
That I might rest in the day of |
trouble.*
When he comes up to the people,
He will invade them | with his
troops.
- 17 Though the fig tree may not blos-
som, nor fruit be | on the vines;*
Though the labor of the olive
may fail, and the fields | yield
no food;

Though the flock may be cut off |
from the fold,*

And there be no herd | in the
stalls—

18 Yet I will rejoice | in the Lord,*
I will joy in the God of my sal- |
vation.

19 The Lord God | is my strength;*
He will make my feet like deer's
feet, and He will make me walk
on my | high hills.

Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Saturday

Deuteronomy 32:1-18

Audite, Coeli



1 “Give ear, O heavens, and | I will
speak;*
And hear, O earth, the words |
of my mouth.

2 Let my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distill | as the dew,*
as raindrops on the tender herb,
and as showers | on the grass.

3 For I proclaim the name | of the
LORD:.*
Ascribe greatness | to our God.

4 He is the Rock, His work is
perfect; For all His ways are |
justice,*
A God of truth and without
injustice; Righteous and up- |
right is He.

5 “They have corrupted themselves;
They are not His | children,*
because of their blemish: A
perverse and crooked gene- |
ration.

6 Do you thus deal with the LORD,
O foolish and unwise | people?.*
Is He not your Father, who |
bought you?

Has He not | made you*
and e- | stablished you?

7 “Remember the days of old,
consider the years of many gene- |
rations.*

Ask your father, and he will
show you; Your elders, and they
will | tell you:

8 When the Most High divided their
inheritance to the | nations,*
when He separated the sons of |
Adam,

He set the boundaries of the |
peoples*

according to the number of the
children of | Israel.

9 For the LORD's portion is His |
people;.*
Jacob is the place of His in- |
heritance.

10 “He found him in a desert land
and in the wasteland, a howling |
wilderness;.*
He encircled him, He instructed
him, He kept him as the apple |
of His eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest,
hovers o- | ver its young,*
spreading out its wings, taking
them up, carrying them | on its
wings,

12 So the LORD alone | led him,*
And there was no foreign | god
with him.

- 13 "He made him ride in the heights
of the earth, that he might eat the
produce | of the fields;*

He made him draw honey from
the rock, and oil from the |
flinty rock;

- 14 Curds from the | cattle,*
and milk of the flock, with | fat
of lambs;

And rams of the breed of Bashan,
and goats, with the | choicest
wheat;*

And you drank wine, the blood |
of the grapes.

- 15 "But Jeshurun grew | fat and
kicked;*

You grew fat, you grew thick,
you | are obese!

Then he forsook God who | made
him,*

and scornfully esteemed the
Rock of his sal- | vation.

- 16 They provoked Him to jealousy
with | foreign gods;*

With abominations they
provoked Him to | anger.

- 17 They sacrificed to demons, | not
to God,*

To gods they | did not know,

To new gods, new ar- | rivals*

That your fathers | did not fear.

- 18 Of the Rock who begot you, you
are un- | mindful,*

and have forgotten the God
who | fathered you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Sunday (evening)

The Magnificat



My soul doth magni- | fy the Lord*
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my | Savior.

For He hath re- | garded*
the low estate of His hand- |
maiden;

For behold from | hence forth*
all generations shall call me |
blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to |
me great things*
and holy | is His name.

And His mercy is on them that | fear
Him*
from generation to gene- | ration.

He hath shewed strength | with His
arm;*

He hath scattered the proud in the
imagination | of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from
their seats*
and exalted them of | low degree.

He hath filled the hungry | with
good things*

and the rich He hath sent em- |
pty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in
remembrance of His mercy, as He
spake to our | fathers,*

to Abraham, and to his seed for- |
ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant
de- | part in peace*
according | to Thy Word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy sal- |
vation*

which thou hast prepared before
the face of all | people.

A light to lighten the | gentiles*
and the glory of Thy people |
Israel.

Glory be to the Father and | to the
Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

Schedule of Psalms for Daily Prayer

ADVENT

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 80, 72
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 24, 150 <i>Evening:</i> 25, 110
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 122, 145 <i>Evening:</i> 40, 67
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 33, 146 <i>Evening:</i> 85, 94
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 50, 147:1-12 <i>Evening:</i> 53, 17
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 18:1-20, 147:13-21 <i>Evening:</i> 126, 62
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 102, 148 <i>Evening:</i> 130, 16
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 90, 149

CHRISTMAS

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Dec. 24		132, 114
Dec. 25	2, Laudate	98, 96
Dec. 26	116, Laudate	119:1-24, 27
Dec. 27	34, Laudate	19, 121
Dec. 28	2, Laudate	110, 111
Dec. 29	96, Laudate	132, 97
Dec. 30	93, Laudate	89:1-18, 19-52
Dec. 31	98, Laudate	45, 96
Jan. 1	98, Laudate	99, 8
Jan. 2	48, Laudate	9, 29
Jan. 3	111, Laudate	107, 15
Jan. 4	20, Laudate	93, 97
Jan. 5	99, Laudate	96, 110
Jan. 6	72, Laudate	100, 76

LENT

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 31, 143
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 84, 150 <i>Evening:</i> 42, 32
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 119:73-80, 145 <i>Evening:</i> 121, 6
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 34, 146 <i>Evening:</i> 25, 91
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 5, 147:1-12 <i>Evening:</i> 27, 51
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 27, 147:13-21 <i>Evening:</i> 126, 102
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 22, 148 <i>Evening:</i> 105, 130
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 43, 149

EASTER

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 23, 114
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 93, 150 <i>Evening:</i> 136, 117
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 97, 145 <i>Evening:</i> 124, 115
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 98, 146 <i>Evening:</i> 66, 116
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 99, 147:1-12 <i>Evening:</i> 9, 118
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 47, 147:13-21 <i>Evening:</i> 68, 113
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 96, 148 <i>Evening:</i> 49, 138
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 92, 149

GENERAL WEEK 1

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 1-4
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 5-8 <i>Evening:</i> 9-11
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 12-16 <i>Evening:</i> 17, 18
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 19-21 <i>Evening:</i> 22-24

Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 25-27 <i>Evening:</i> 28-30
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 31-33 <i>Evening:</i> 34-36
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 37, 38 <i>Evening:</i> 39-42
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 43-45

GENERAL WEEK 2

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 46-49
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 50-53 <i>Evening:</i> 54-56
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 57-60 <i>Evening:</i> 61-64
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 65-67 <i>Evening:</i> 68
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 69 <i>Evening:</i> 70-72
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 73, 74 <i>Evening:</i> 75-77
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 78 <i>Evening:</i> 79-81
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 82-85

GENERAL WEEK 3

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 86-88
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 89 <i>Evening:</i> 90-92
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 93-96 <i>Evening:</i> 97-101
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 102, 103 <i>Evening:</i> 104
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 105 <i>Evening:</i> 106
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 107, 108 <i>Evening:</i> 109, 110
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 111-114 <i>Evening:</i> 115-117
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 118

GENERAL WEEK 4

Saturday	<i>Evening:</i> 119:1–32
Sunday	<i>Morning:</i> 119:33–64 <i>Evening:</i> 119:65–96
Monday	<i>Morning:</i> 119:97–136 <i>Evening:</i> 119:137–176
Tuesday	<i>Morning:</i> 120–124 <i>Evening:</i> 125–129
Wednesday	<i>Morning:</i> 130–133 <i>Evening:</i> 134–135
Thursday	<i>Morning:</i> 136–138 <i>Evening:</i> 139–142
Friday	<i>Morning:</i> 143–145 <i>Evening:</i> 146–147
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> 148–150

The Psalms

In months having thirty days the psalms for the thirty first day are to be read on the thirtieth day; in the morning Psalms 146–147; in the evening, Psalms 148–150.

On the twenty-eighth of February, Psalms 140–144 are to be read in the morning, Psalms 145–150 in the evening.

Each Psalm may be preceded with the appropriate antiphon, and shall be concluded with the Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be - | ginning,*
is now and will be forever. | Amen.**

Day 1, morning

Psalm 1



- 1 Blessed is the man who walks not
in the counsel of the un- | godly,*
nor stands in the path of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of the |
scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the law | of
the Lord,*
and in His law he meditates |
day and night.
- 3 He shall be like a tree planted by
the rivers of water, that brings
forth its fruit in its season, whose
leaf also shall not | wither;*
and whatever he does shall |
prosper.
- 4 The ungodly | are not so,*
But are like the chaff which the
wind | drives away.

- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not
stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation
of the | righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of
the | righteous,*
but the way of the ungodly
shall | perish.

Psalm 2



- 1 Why do the | nations rage,*
and the people plot a | vain
thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set them-
selves, and the rulers take counsel
to- | gether,*
against the Lord and against His
Anointed, | saying,

3 "Let us break Their bonds in |
pieces*
and cast away Their | cords from
us."

4 He who sits in the | heavens shall
laugh,*
the Lord shall hold them in de- |
rision.

5 Then He shall speak to them | in
His wrath,*
and distress them in His deep
dis- | pleasure:

6 "Yet I have | set My King*
on My holy hill of | Zion."

7 "I will declare the decree: The
Lord has | said to Me,*
'You are My Son, today I have
be- | gotten You.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the
nations for Your in- | heritance,*
and the ends of the earth for
Your pos- | session.

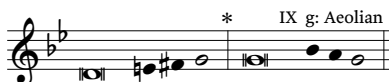
9 You shall break them with a rod
of | iron;*
You shall dash them to pieces
like a potter's | vessel.' "

10 Now therefore, be wise, | O
kings;*
be instructed, you judges | of
the earth.

11 Serve the | Lord with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and
you perish in the way, when His
wrath is kindled but a | little.*
Blessed are all those who put
their | trust in Him.

Psalm 3



1 Lord, how they have increased
who | trouble me!*
Many are they who rise up a- |
gainst me.

2 Many are they who | say of me,*
"There is no help for | him in
God."

3 But You, O Lord, are a | shield for
me,*
my glory and the One who lifts |
up my head.

4 I cried to the Lord with | my
voice,*
and He heard me from His |
holy hill.

5 I lay | down and slept;*
I awoke, for the Lord sus- |
tained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thou-
sands of | people*
who have set themselves against
me | all around.

7 Arise, O Lord; save me, | O my
God!*
For You have struck all my
enemies on the cheekbone; You
have broken the teeth of the
un- | godly.

8 Salvation belongs | to the Lord.*
Your blessing is upon Your |
people.

Psalm 4



- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my | righteousness!*
You have relieved me in my distress; have mercy on me, and | hear my prayer.
- 2 How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glo- | ry to shame?*
How long will you love worth- lessness and seek | falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is | godly;*
The Lord will hear when I | call to Him.
- 4 Be angry, and | do not sin.*
Meditate within your heart on your bed, | and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of | righteous- ness,*
And put your trust | in the Lord.
- 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us | any good?"*
Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance up- | on us.
- 7 You have put gladness in | my heart,*
more than in the season that their grain and | wine increased.
- 8 I will both lie down in | peace, and sleep;*
for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in | safety.

Day 1, evening

Psalm 5



- 1 Give ear to my words, | O Lord,*
consider my medi- | tation.
- 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and | my God,*
for to You | I will pray.
- 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, | O Lord;*
in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will | look up.
- 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in | wickedness,*
nor shall evil | dwell with You.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand | in Your sight,*
you hate all workers of in- | iquity.
- 6 You shall destroy those who speak | falsehood;*
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your | mercy;*
in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy | temple.
- 8 Lead me, O Lord, in Your righ- teousness because of my | enemies;*
make Your way straight be- | fore my face.
- 9 For there is no faithfulness | in their mouth;*
Their inward part is destruction; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter | with their tongue.

10 Pronounce them guilty, O God!
Let them fall by their own | coun-
sels;*

Cast them out in the multitude
of their transgressions, for they
have rebelled a- | gainst You.

11 But let all those rejoice who put
their trust in You; let them ever
shout for joy, because You de- |
fend them;*

Let those also who love Your
name be joy- | ful in You.

12 For You, O Lord, will bless the |
righteous;*

With favor You will surround
him as | with a shield.

Psalm 6



1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in
Your | anger,*
nor chasten me in Your hot
dis- | pleasure.

2 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for | I
am weak;*
O Lord, heal me, for my bones
are | troubled.

3 My soul also is greatly | trou-
bled;*
But You, O | Lord—how long?

4 Return, O Lord, de- | liver me!*
Oh, save me for Your | mercies'
sake!

5 For in death there is no remem- |
brance of You;*
In the grave who will | give You
thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all
night I make my | bed swim;*
I drench my couch | with my
tears.

7 My eye wastes away be- | cause of
grief;*
it grows old because of all my |
enemies.

8 Depart from me, all you workers of
in- | iquity;*
for the Lord has heard the voice
of my | weeping.

9 The Lord has heard my suppli- |
cation;*
The Lord will re- | ceive my
prayer.

10 Let all my enemies be ashamed
and greatly | troubled;*
let them turn back and be
ashamed | suddenly.

Psalm 7



1 O LORD my God, in You I | put
my trust;*
save me from all those who
persecute me; and de- | liver me,

2 lest they tear me like a | lion,*
rending me in pieces, while
there is none to de- | liver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have | done
this:*

if there is iniquity in | my
hands,

4 if I have repaid evil to him who
was at | peace with me,*
or have plundered my enemy
with- | out cause,

- 5 Let the enemy pursue me and
overtake me; Yes, let him trample
my life | to the earth,*
And lay my honor | in the dust.
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; lift
Yourself up because of the rage of
my | enemies;*
rise up for me to the judgment
You have com- | manded!
- 7 So the congregation of the peoples
shall sur- | round You;*
for their sakes, therefore,
return | on high.
- 8 The LORD shall judge the peoples;
judge me, O LORD, according to
my | righteousness,*
and according to my integrity
with- | in me.
- 9 Oh, let the wickedness of the
wicked come | to an end,*
but establish the just; for the
righteous God tests the | hearts
and minds.
- 10 My defense | is of God,*
Who saves the up- | right in
heart.
- 11 God is a | just judge,*
and God is angry with the
wicked | every day.
- 12 If he does not turn back, He will
shar- | pen His sword;*
He bends His bow and makes
it | ready.
- 13 He also prepares for Himself
instru- | ments of death;*
He makes His arrows into | fiery
shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked brings forth
in- | iquity;*
yes, he conceives trouble and
brings forth | falsehood.

- 15 He made a pit and | dug it out,*
and has fallen into the ditch |
which he made.
- 16 His trouble shall return upon his |
own head,*
and his violent dealing shall
come down on his | own crown.
- 17 I will praise the LORD according to
His | righteousness,*
and will sing praise to the name
of the | LORD Most High.

Psalm 8



- 1 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent
is Your name in | all the earth,*
who have set Your glory above
the | heavens!
- 2 Out of the mouth of babes and
nursing infants you have or- |
dained strength,*
because of Your enemies, that
You may silence the enemy and
the a- | venger.
- 3 When I consider Your heavens,
the work of Your | fingers,*
the moon and the stars, which
You | have ordained,
- 4 what is man that You are mind- |
ful of him,*
and the son of man that You |
visit him?
- 5 For You have made him a little
lower than the | angels,*
and You have crowned him with
glory and | honor.

- 6 You have made him to have
dominion over the works | of
Your hands;*
You have put all things un- | der
his feet,
- 7 All sheep and | oxen—*
even the beasts | of the field,
- 8 The birds of the air, and the fish |
of the sea*
that pass through the paths | of
the seas.
- 9 O | LORD, our Lord,*
How excellent is Your name in |
all the earth!

Day 2, morning

Psalm 9



- 1 I will praise You, O LORD, with
my | whole heart;*
I will tell of all Your | marvelous
works.
- 2 I will be glad and re- | joice in
You;*
I will sing praise to Your name, |
O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies | turn back,*
they shall fall and perish at
Your | presence.
- 4 For You have maintained my
right | and my cause;*
You sat on the throne judging
in | righteousness.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations,
You have destroyed the | wicked;*
You have blotted out their name
forever and | ever.
- 6 O enemy, destructions are
finished forever! And you have
destroyed | cities;*
Even their memory has |
perished.
- 7 But the LORD shall endure for- |
ever;*
He has prepared His throne for |
judgment.
- 8 He shall judge the world in | righ-
teousness,*
and He shall administer judg-
ment for the peoples in up- |
rightness.
- 9 The LORD also will be a refuge
for | the oppressed,*
a refuge in times of | trouble.
- 10 And those who know Your name
will put their | trust in You;*
for You, LORD, have not
forsaken those who | seek You.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who
dwells in | Zion!*
- 12 Declare His deeds among the |
people.
- 12 When He avenges blood, He re- |
members them;*
he does not forget the cry of
the | humble.
- 13 Have mercy on me, | O LORD!*
- 14 Consider my trouble from those
who hate me, You who lift me
up from the | gates of death,
- 14 That I may tell of all Your praise
in the gates of the daughter of |
Zion.*
I will rejoice in Your sal- |
vation.
- 15 The nations have sunk down in
the pit | which they made;*
In the net which they hid, their
own | foot is caught.

- 16 The LORD is known by the judgment He | executes;*
The wicked is snared in the work
of his | own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be turned | into
hell,*
and all the nations that for- | get
God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be
for- | gotten;*
the expectation of the poor shall
not perish for- | ever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD, do not let | man
prevail;*
Let the nations be judged | in
Your sight.
- 20 Put them in fear, | O LORD,*
that the nations may know
themselves to | be but men
- 5 His ways are always prospering;
Your judgments are far above,
out | of his sight;*
As for all his enemies, he |
sneers at them.
- 6 He has said in his heart, "I shall |
not be moved;*"
I shall never be in ad- | versity."
- 7 His mouth is full of cursing and
deceit and op- | pression;*
Under his tongue is trouble and
in- | iquity.
- 8 He sits in the lurking places of the
villages; In the secret places he
murders the | innocent;*
His eyes are secretly fixed on
the | helpless.
- 9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion |
in his den;*"
He lies in wait to catch the poor;
He catches the poor when he
draws him in- | to his net.

Psalm 10



- 1 Why do You stand afar off, | O
Lord?*"
Why do You hide in times of |
trouble?
- 2 The wicked in his pride perse- |
cutes the poor;*"
Let them be caught in the plots
which they | have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of his |
heart's desire;*"
He blesses the greedy and
renoun- | ces the Lord.
- 4 The wicked in his proud counte-
nance does | not seek God;*"
God is in none | of his thoughts.
- 11 He has said in his heart, "God has
for- | gotten;*"
He hides His face; He will |
never see."
- 12 Arise, O Lord! O God, lift | up
Your hand!*"
Do not forget the | humble.
- 13 Why do the wicked re- | nounce
God?*"
He has said in his heart, "You
will not require | an account."
- 14 But You have seen, for You
observe trou- | ble and grief,*
to repay it | by Your hand.

The helpless commits him- | self
to You;*

You are the helper of the
fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and
the | evil man;*

Seek out his wickedness until
You | find none.

16 The Lord is King forever and
ever;*

The nations have perished out
of His land.

17 Lord, You have heard the desire of
the | humble;

You will prepare their heart; You
will cause Your | ear to hear,

18 to do justice to the fatherless
and | the oppressed,*

That the man of the earth may
op- | press no more.

Psalm 11



1 In the LORD I | put my trust;*
how can you say to my soul,
“Flee as a bird to your | moun-
tain”?

2 For look! The wicked bend their
bow, they make ready their
arrow | on the string,*
that they may shoot secretly at
the up- | right in heart.

3 If the foundations | are
destroyed,*
what can the | righteous do?

4 The LORD is in His holy temple,
the LORD's throne is in | heaven;*
His eyes behold, His eyelids test
the | sons of men.

5 The LORD tests the | righteous,*
but the wicked and the one who
loves violence His | soul hates.

6 Upon the wicked He will | rain
coals;*
fire and brimstone and a burn-
ing wind shall be the portion |
of their cup.

7 For the LORD is righteous, He
loves | righteousness;*
His countenance beholds the |
upright.

Day 2, evening

Psalm 12



1 Help, LORD, for the godly man |
ceases!*

For the faithful disappear from
among the | sons of men.

2 They speak idly everyone with
his | neighbor;*

with flattering lips and a
double | heart they speak.

³ May the LORD cut off all | flatter-
ing lips,*

and the tongue that speaks |
proud things,

4 Who have said, "With our tongue
we | will prevail;*

our lips are our own; who is lord | over us?"

5 “For the oppression of the poor,
for the sighing of the | needy,*

Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

- 6 The words of the LORD are | pure words,*

like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified | seven times.

- 7 You shall keep them, | O LORD,*
You shall preserve them from this generation for- | ever.

- 8 The wicked prowls on | every side,*
when villainy is exalted among the | sons of men.

Psalm 13



- 1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me for- | ever?*
- How long will You hide Your | face from me?
- 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart | daily?*
- How long will my enemy be exalted | over me?
- 3 Consider and hear me, O LORD | my God;*
- enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed a- | gainst him";*
- lest those who trouble me rejoice when | I am moved.
- 5 But I have trusted in Your | mercy;*
- my heart shall rejoice in Your sal- | vation.
- 6 I will sing | to the LORD,*
- because He has dealt bounty- | fully with me.

Psalm 14



- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There | is no God."*
- They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none | who does good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the chil- | dren of men,*
- to see if there are any who understand, | who seek God.
- 3 They have all turned aside, they have together be- | come corrupt;*
- There is none who does good, | no, not one.
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no | knowledge,*
- who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call | on the LORD?
- 5 There they are in | great fear,*
- for God is with the generation of the | righteous.
- 6 You shame the counsel | of the poor,*
- but the LORD is his | refuge.
- 7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of | Zion!*
- When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, let Jacob rejoice and Isra- | el be glad.

Psalm 15



- 1 LORD, who may abide in Your
taber- | nacle?*
- Who may dwell in Your | holy
hill?
- 2 He who walks uprightly, and
works | righteousness,*
- And speaks the truth | in his
heart;
- 3 He who does not backbite with
his tongue, nor does evil to his |
neighbor,*
- nor does he take up a reproach
a- | gainst his friend;
- 4 In whose eyes a vile person is
despised, but he honors those
who | fear the LORD;*
- he who swears to his own hurt
and | does not change;
- 5 He who does not put out his
money at usury, nor does he take a
bribe against the | innocent.*
- He who does these things shall
nev- | er be moved.

Psalm 16



- 1 Preserve me, | O God,*
for in You I | put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, you have said to the
LORD, "You | are my LORD,*
my goodness is nothing a- | part
from You."
- 3 As for the saints who are | on the
earth,*
"They are the excellent ones, in
whom is all | my delight."

- 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied
who hasten after a- | nother god;*
- Their drink offerings of blood I
will not offer, nor take up their
names | on my lips.
- 5 O LORD, You are the portion of my
inheritance | and my cup;*
- You main- | tain my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen to me in
pleasant | places;*
- yes, I have a good in- | heri-
tance.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who has
given me | counsel;*
- my heart also instructs me in the
night | seasons.
- 8 I have set the LORD always be- |
fore me;*
- because He is at my right hand I
shall | not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and
my glory re- | joices;*
- My flesh also will | rest in hope.
- 10 For You will not leave my soul in |
Sheol;*
- nor will You allow Your Holy
One to see cor- | ruption.
- 11 You will show me the path of life;
in Your presence is full- | ness of
joy;*
- At Your right hand are pleasures
for- | evermore.

Psalm 17



- 1 Hear a just cause, O LORD,
attend | to my cry;*
give ear to my prayer which is
not from de- | ceitful lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come from
Your | presence;*
let Your eyes look on the things
that are | upright.
- 3 You have tested my heart; You
have visited me | in the night;*
You have tried me and have
found nothing; I have purposed
that my mouth shall | not trans-
gress.
- 4 Concerning the works of men, by
the word | of Your lips,*
I have kept away from the paths
of the de- | stroyer.
- 5 Uphold my steps | in Your paths,*
that my footsteps | may not slip.
- 6 I have called upon You, for You
will hear me, | O God;*
incline Your ear to me, and |
hear my speech.
- 7 Show Your marvelous lovingkind-
ness by Your | right hand,*
O You who save those who trust
in You From those who rise up
a- | gainst them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple | of Your
eye,*
hide me under the shadow | of
Your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who op- | press
me,*
from my deadly enemies who
sur- | round me.

- 10 They have closed up their | fat
hearts;*
with their mouths they speak |
proudly.
- 11 They have now surrounded us | in
our steps;*
they have set their eyes, crouch-
ing down | to the earth,
- 12 As a lion is eager to | tear his
prey,*
and like a young lion lurking in
secret | places.
- 13 Arise, O LORD, confront him, |
cast him down;*
deliver my life from the wicked |
with Your sword,
- 14 with Your hand from men, O
LORD, from men of the world who
have their portion in this life, and
whose belly You fill with Your
hidden | treasure.*
They are satisfied with chil-
dren, and leave the rest of their
possession | for their babes.
- 15 As for me, I will see Your face in |
righteousness;*
I shall be satisfied when I awake
in Your | likeness.

Day 3, morning

Psalm 18



- 1 I will | love You, *
O | LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD is my rock and my
fortress and my deliverer; my God,
my strength, in whom | I will
trust;*
My shield and the horn of my
salvation, my | stronghold.

- 3 I will call upon the LORD, who is
worthy | to be praised;*
So shall I be saved from my |
enemies.
- 4 The pangs of death sur- | rounded
me,*
And the floods of ungodliness
made | me afraid.
- 5 The sorrows of Sheol sur- |
rounded me;*
The snares of death con- |
fronted me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the
LORD, and cried out | to my God;*
He heard my voice from His
temple, and my cry came before
Him, even | to His ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trem-
bled; the foundations of the hills
also quaked and were | shaken,*
because He was | angry.
- 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils,
and devouring fire | from His
mouth;*
Coals were kindled | by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and |
came down*
with darkness un- | der His feet.
- 10 And He rode upon a cherub, | and
flew,*
He flew upon the wings | of the
wind.
- 11 He made darkness His | secret
place;*
His canopy around Him was
dark waters and thick clouds |
of the skies.
- 12 From the brightness be- | fore
Him,*
His thick clouds passed with
hailstones and | coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD thundered from
heaven, and the Most High
uttered | His voice,*
Hailstones and | coals of fire.
- 14 He sent out His arrows and scat- |
tered the foe,*
Lightnings in abundance, and
He | vanquished them.
- 15 Then the channels of the sea were
seen, the foundations of the world
were uncovered at Your rebuke, |
O LORD,*
At the blast of the breath of
Your | nostrils.
- 16 He sent from above, He | took
me;*
He drew me out of many |
waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong
enemy, from those who | hated
me,*
For they were too | strong for
me.
- 18 They confronted me in the day of
my ca- | lamity,
but the LORD was | my support.
- 19 He also brought me out into a |
broad place;*
He delivered me because He
delight- | ed in me.
- 20 The LORD rewarded me according
to my | righteousness;*
according to the cleanness of my
hands He has recom- | pensed
me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways | of the
LORD,*
and have not wickedly
departed | from my God.

- 22 For all His judgments were be- |
fore me,*
and I did not put away His stat-
utes | from me.
- 23 I was also blameless be- | fore
Him,*
And I kept myself from my in- |
iquity.
- 24 Therefore the LORD has recom-
pensed me according to my | righ-
teousness,*
according to the cleanness of my
hands | in His sight.
- 25 With the merciful You will show
Yourself | merciful;*
with a blameless man You will
show Yourself | blameless;
- 26 With the pure You will show
Your- | self pure;*
And with the devious You will
show Your- | self shrewd.
- 27 For You will save the humble |
people,*
but will bring down | haughty
looks.
- 28 For You will | light my lamp;*
The LORD my God will
enlighten my | darkness.
- 29 For by You I can run a- | gainst a
troop,*
by my God I can leap o- | ver a
wall.
- 30 As for God, His way is perfect; the
word of the LORD is | proven;*
He is a shield to all who | trust
in Him.
- 31 For who is God, ex- | cept the
LORD?*
- And who is a rock, ex- | cept our
God?
- 32 It is God who arms | me with
strength,*
and makes my way | perfect.
- 33 He makes my feet like the | feet of
deer,*
and sets me on my high | places.
- 34 He teaches my hands to | make
war,*
so that my arms can bend a |
bow of bronze.
- 35 You have also given me the shield
of Your salvation; Your right hand
has | held me up,*
Your gentleness has | made me
great.
- 36 You enlarged my path | under
me,*
So my feet | did not slip.
- 37 I have pursued my enemies and
over- | taken them;*
neither did I turn back again till
they | were destroyed.
- 38 I have wounded them, so that
they | could not rise;*
they have fallen un- | der my
feet.
- 39 For You have armed me with
strength for the | battle;*
You have subdued under me
those who rose up a- | gainst
me.
- 40 You have also given me the necks
of my | enemies,*
so that I destroyed those who |
hated me.
- 41 They cried out, but there was |
none to save;*
even to the LORD, but He did
not | answer them.

42 Then I beat them as fine as the
dust be- | fore the wind;*
I cast them out like dirt | in the
streets.

43 You have delivered me from the
strivings of the | people;*
You have made me the head of
the nations; a people I have not
known shall | serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me they
o- | bey me;*
The foreigners sub- | mit to me.

45 The foreigners | fade away,*
and come frightened from
their | hideouts.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed | be my
Rock!*
Let the God of my salvation be
ex- | alted.

47 It is God who a- | venges me,*
and subdues the peoples | under
me;

48 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those
who rise a- | gainst me;*
You have delivered me from
the | violent man.

49 Therefore I will give thanks
to You, O LORD, among the |
Gentiles,*
And sing praises | to Your name.

50 Great deliverance He gives to His
king, and shows mercy to His a- |
nointed,*
To David and his descendants
for- | evermore.

Day 3, evening

Psalm 19



1 The heavens declare the glo- | ry
of God;*
and the firmament shows His |
handiwork.

2 Day unto day | utters speech,*
and night unto night reveals |
knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor |
language*
Where their voice | is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out through
all the earth, and their words to
the end | of the world.*
In them He has set a taberna-
cle | for the sun,

5 which is like a bridegroom coming
out of his | chamber,*
and rejoices like a strong man
to | run its race.

6 Its rising is from one end of
heaven, and its circuit to the |
other end;*
and there is nothing hidden |
from its heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
convert- | ing the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is
sure, making wise the | simple;

8 The statutes of the LORD are right,
rejoic- | ing the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD
is pure, enlighten- | ing the
eyes;

- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for- | ever;*
the judgments of the LORD are
true and righteous alto- | gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than
gold, yea, than much | fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey and
the | honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them Your ser- | vant
is warned,*
and in keeping them there is |
great reward.
- 12 Who can understand his | errors?*
- Cleanse me from | secret faults.
- 13 Keep back Your servant also from
presumptuous sins; let them not
have dominion | over me.*
Then I shall be blameless, and
I shall be innocent of great
trans- | gression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in Your sight,*
O LORD, my strength and my
Re- | deemer.
- 4 May He grant you according to
your | heart's desire,*
and fulfill all your | purpose.
- 5 We will rejoice in your salvation,
and in the name of our God we
will set up our | banners!*
- May the LORD fulfill all your
pe- | titions.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD saves
His a- | nointed;*
- He will answer him from His
holy heaven with the saving
strength of His | right hand.
- 7 Some trust in chariots, and some
in | horses;*
- but we will remember the name
of the | LORD our God.
- 8 They have bowed down and |
fallen;*
- but we have risen and | stand
upright.
- 9 - | Save, LORD!*
- May the King answer us | when
we call.

Psalm 20



- 1 May the LORD answer you in the
day of | trouble;*
- may the name of the God of
Jacob de- | fend you;
- 2 May He send you help from the
sanctu- | ary,*
and strengthen you out of |
Zion;
- 3 May He remember all your | offer-
ings,*
and accept your burnt | sacri-
fice.

Psalm 21



- 1 The king shall have joy in Your
strength, | O LORD;*
- and in Your salvation how
greatly shall | he rejoice!
- 2 You have given him his | heart's
desire,*
and have not withheld the
request | of his lips.
- 3 For You meet him with the bless-
ings of | goodness;*
- You set a crown of pure gold
up- | on his head.

- 4 He asked life from You, and You gave | it to him—*
Length of days forever and | ever.
- 5 His glory is great in Your sal- | vation;*
honor and majesty You have placed up- | on him.
- 6 For You have made him most blessed for- | ever;*
You have made him exceedingly glad with Your | presence.
- 7 For the king trusts | in the LORD,*
and through the mercy of the Most High he shall | not be moved.
- 8 Your hand will find all Your | enemies;*
Your right hand will find those who | hate You.
- 9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your | anger;*
The LORD shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall de- | vour them.
- 10 Their offspring You shall destroy | from the earth,*
and their descendants from among the | sons of men.
- 11 For they intended evil a- | gainst You,*
they devised a plot which they are not able | to perform.
- 12 Therefore You will make them | turn their back;*
you will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their | faces.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your | own strength!*
We will sing and praise Your | power.

Psalm 22



- 1 My God, My God, why have You
for- | saken Me?*
- Why are You so far from helping
Me, and from the words of My |
groaning?
- 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime,
but You | do not hear;*
- And in the night season, and am
not | silent.
- 3 But You are | holy,*
enthroned in the praises of |
Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted | in You;*
- they trusted, and You de- |
livered them.
- 5 They cried to You, and were de- |
livered;*
- they trusted in You, and were |
not ashamed.
- 6 But I am a worm, | and no man;*
- a reproach of men, and despised
by the | people.
- 7 All those who see Me ridi- | cule
Me;*
- they shoot out the lip, they
shake the head, | saying,
- 8 “He trusted | in the LORD,*
let Him rescue Him; let Him
deliver Him, since He de- |
lights in Him!”
- 9 But You are He who took Me out |
of the womb;*
- you made Me trust while on
My | mother’s breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon | You from birth.*
From My mother’s womb You
have | been My God.

- 11 Be not far from Me, for trou- | ble
is near;*
for there is | none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have sur- | rounded
Me;*
strong bulls of Bashan have
en- | circled Me.
- 13 They gape at Me | with their
mouths,*
like a raging and roaring | lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all
My bones are | out of joint;*
my heart is like wax; it has
melted with- | in Me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a
potsherd, and My tongue clings |
to My jaws;*
You have brought Me to the |
dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; the
congregation of the wicked has
en- | closed Me.*
They pierced My hands | and
My feet;
- 17 I can count | all My bones.*
They look and | stare at Me.
- 18 They divide My garments a- |
mong them,*
and for My clothing they | cast
lots.
- 19 But You, O LORD, do not be | far
from Me;*
O My Strength, hasten to | help
Me!
- 20 Deliver Me | from the sword,*
My precious life from the
power | of the dog.
- 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth
and from the horns of the wild |
oxen!*
- You have | answered Me.
- 22 I will declare Your name to My |
brethren;*
in the midst of the assembly I
will | praise You.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, | praise
Him!*
- All you descendants of Jacob,
glorify Him, and fear Him, all
you offspring of | Israel!
- 24 For He has not despised nor
abhorred the affliction of the af- |
flicted;*
nor has He hidden His face from
Him; but when He cried to |
Him, He heard.
- 25 My praise shall be of You in the
great as- | sembly;*
I will pay My vows before those
who | fear Him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satis-
fied; those who seek Him will |
praise the LORD.*
Let your heart live for- | ever!
- 27 All the ends of the world shall
remember and turn | to the
LORD,*
and all the families of the
nations shall worship be- | fore
You.
- 28 For the kingdom | is the LORD's,*
and He rules over the | nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth
shall eat and | worship;*
all those who go down to the
dust shall bow before Him, even
he who cannot keep him- | self
alive.
- 30 A posterity shall | serve Him.*
It will be recounted of the LORD
to the next gener- | ation,

- 31 They will come and declare His
righteousness to a people who |
will be born,*
that He has | done this.

Day 4, morning

Psalm 23



- 1 The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.
- 2 He makes me to lie down in
green | pastures;*
He leads me beside the still |
waters.
- 3 He re- | stores my soul;*
He leads me in the paths of righ-
teousness for His | name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no | evil;*
For You are with me; Your rod
and Your staff, they | comfort
me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in
the presence of my | enemies;*
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs | over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days | of my
life;*
And I will dwell in the house of
the LORD for- | ever.

Psalm 24



- 1 The earth is the LORD's, and all
its | fullness,*
the world and those who | dwell
therein.
- 2 For He has founded it up- | on the
seas,*
and established it upon the |
waters.
- 3 Who may ascend into the hill | of
the LORD?*
- Or who may stand in His | holy
place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a |
pure heart,*
who has not lifted up his soul to
an idol, nor sworn de- | ceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive blessing | from
the LORD,*
and righteousness from the God
of his sal- | vation.
- 6 This is Jacob, the generation of
those who | seek Him,*
who | seek Your face.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you ever- | last-
ing doors!*
- and the King of glory | shall
come in.
- 8 Who is this King of | glory?*
- The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in | battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you ever- | lasting doors!*
- And the King of glory | shall
come in.

10 Who is this King of | glory?
The LORD of hosts, He is the
King of | glory.

Psalm 25



1 To You, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

2 O my God, I | trust in You;*
Let me not be ashamed; let not
my enemies triumph | over me.

3 Indeed, let no one who waits on
You | be ashamed;*
let those be ashamed who deal
treacherously with- | out cause.

4 Show me Your ways, | O LORD;*
teach | me Your paths.

5 Lead me in Your truth and teach
me, for You are the God of my
sal- | vation;*
on You I wait | all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender
mercies and Your loving- | kind-
nesses,*
for they are | from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my
youth, nor my trans- | gressions;*
according to Your mercy remem-
ber me, for Your goodness'
sake, | O LORD.

8 Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore He teaches sinners | in
the way.

9 The humble He guides in |
justice,*
and the humble He teach- | es
His way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are
mer- | cy and truth,*
to such as keep His covenant
and His testi- | monies.

11 For Your name's sake, | O LORD,*
pardon my iniquity, for | it is
great.

12 Who is the man that | fears the
LORD?*

13 He himself shall dwell in pros- |
perity,*
and his descendants shall
inher- | it the earth.

14 The secret of the LORD is with
those who | fear Him,*
and He will show them His |
covenant.

15 My eyes are ever | toward the
LORD,*
for He shall pluck my feet out |
of the net.

16 Turn Yourself to me, and have
mer- | cy on me,*
for I am desolate and af- |
flicted.

17 The troubles of my heart | have
enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- |
tresses!

18 Look on my affliction | and my
pain,*
and forgive | all my sins.

19 Consider my enemies, for they
are | many;*
and they hate me with cruel |
hatred.

20 Keep my soul, and de- | liver me;*
let me not be ashamed, for I put
my | trust in You.

21 Let integrity and uprightness
pre- | serve me,*
for I | wait for You.

22 Redeem Isra- | el, O God,*
out of all their | troubles!

Day 4, evening

Psalm 26



1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have
walked in my in- | tegrity.*
I have also trusted in the LORD;
I | shall not slip.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and | prove
me;*
try my mind and | my heart.

3 For Your lovingkindness is be- |
fore my eyes,*
and I have walked | in Your
truth.

4 I have not sat with idolatrous |
mortals,*
nor will I go in with | hypo-
crites.

5 I have hated the assembly of
evil- | doers,*
and will not sit with the |
wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in | inno-
cence;*
so I will go about Your altar, | O
LORD,

7 That I may proclaim with the
voice of thanks- | giving,*
and tell of all Your | wondrous
works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habita-
tion | of Your house,*
And the place where Your |
glory dwells.

9 Do not gather my soul with |
sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty
men,

10 In whose hands is a sin- | ister
scheme,*
and whose right hand is | full of
bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in my
in- | tegrity;*
redeem me and be merci- | ful
to me.

12 My foot stands in an | even
place,*
in the congregations I will |
bless the LORD.

Psalm 27



1 The LORD is my light and my
salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the strength of my
life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

2 When the wicked came against me
to eat | up my flesh,*
my enemies and foes, they
stum- | bled and fell.

3 Though an army may encamp
against me, my heart | shall not
fear;*

though war may rise against me,
in this I will be | confident.

4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life,*

To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His | temple.

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pa- | vilion;*

In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high up- | on a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all a- | round me;*

therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises | to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry | with my voice!*

Have mercy also upon me, and | answer me.

8 When You said, | "Seek My face,"*

My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, | I will seek."

9 Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in | anger;*

You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my sal- | vation.

10 When my father and my mother for- | sake me,*

then the LORD will take | care of me.

11 Teach me Your way, | O LORD,* and lead me in a smooth path, because of my | enemies.

12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adver- | saries;* for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out | violence.

13 I would have lost heart, unless I | had believed*

that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the | living.

14 Wait on the LORD; be of good | courage,*

And He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, | on the LORD!

Psalm 28



1 To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be si- | lent to me,* lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications when I | cry to You,*

when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctu- | ary.

3 Do not take me away with the wicked and with the workers of in- | iquity,*

who speak peace to their neighbors, but evil is | in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their en- | deavors;*

give them according to the work of their hands; render to them what | they deserve.

- 5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, nor the operation | of His hands,*
He shall destroy them and not | build them up.
- 6 Blessed | be the LORD,*
because He has heard the voice of my suppli- | cations!
- 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and | I am helped;*
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will | praise Him.
- 8 The LORD | is their strength,*
and He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.
- 9 Save Your people, and bless Your in- | heritance;*
shepherd them also, and bear them up for- | ever.

Psalm 29



- 1 Give unto the LORD, O you | mighty ones,*
give unto the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due | to His name;*
worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory | thunders,*
The LORD is over many | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is | powerful,*
The voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.

- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars,*
yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of | Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them also skip | like a calf,*
Lebanon and Sirion like a young | wild ox.
- 7 The voice | of the LORD*
divides the | flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;*
The LORD shakes the Wilder-ness | of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the | forests bare;*
and in His temple everyone says, | "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sat enthroned | at the Flood,*
and the LORD sits as King for- | ever.
- 11 The LORD will give strength to His | people;*
The LORD will bless His peo- | ple with peace.

Psalm 30



- 1 I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lift- | ed me up,*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried | out to You,*
and You | healed me.

3 O LORD, You brought my soul
up | from the grave;*

You have kept me alive, that I
should not go down | to the pit.

4 Sing praise to the LORD, you |
saints of His,*

and give thanks at the remem-
brance of His | holy name.

5 For His anger is but for a moment,
His favor | is for life;*

weeping may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the | morning.

6 Now in my prosperi- | ty I said,*
“I shall nev- | er be moved.”

7 LORD, by Your favor You have
made my mountain | stand
strong;*

You hid Your face, and I was |
troubled.

8 I cried out to You, | O LORD;*
and to the LORD I made suppli- |
cation:

9 “What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down | to the pit?*

Will the dust praise You? Will it
de- | clare Your truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy
on me;*

LORD, be my | helper!”

11 You have turned for me my
mourning into | dancing;*

You have put off my sackcloth
and clothed me with | gladness,

12 To the end that my glory may sing
praise to You and not be | silent.*

O LORD my God, I will give
thanks to You for- | ever.

Day 5, morning

Psalm 31



1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let
me never | be ashamed;*

deliver me in Your | righteous-
ness.

2 Bow down Your ear to me, deliver
me | speedily;*

be my rock of refuge, a fortress
of defense to | save me.

3 For You are my rock and my |
fortress;*
therefore, for Your name's sake,
lead me and | guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net which they
have secretly | laid for me,*
for You | are my strength.

5 Into Your hand I commit my |
spirit;*
You have redeemed me, O
LORD | God of truth.

6 I have hated those who regard
useless | idols;*
but I trust | in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your |
mercy,*
for You have considered my
trouble; You have known my
soul in ad- | versities,

8 And have not shut me up into the
hand of the | enemy;*
You have set my feet in a | wide
place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I
am in | trouble;*
My eye wastes away with grief,
yes, my soul and my | body!

- 10 For my life is spent with grief, and
my years with | sighing;*
my strength fails because of my
iniquity, and my bones | waste
away.
- 11 I am a reproach among all my
enemies, but especially among
my | neighbors,*
and am repulsive to my acquaint-
ances; those who see me
outside | flee from me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, |
out of mind;*
I am like a broken | vessel.
- 13 For I hear the slander of many;
fear is on | every side;*
while they take counsel together
against me, they scheme to take
a- | way my life.
- 14 But as for me, I trust in You, | O
LORD;*
I say, "You | are my God."
- 15 My times are | in Your hand;*
deliver me from the hand of my
enemies, and from those who
perse- | cute me.
- 16 Make Your face shine upon Your |
servant;*
save me for Your | mercies'
sake.
- 17 Do not let me be ashamed, O
LORD, for I have called up- | on
You;*
Let the wicked be ashamed; let
them be silent | in the grave.
- 18 Let the lying lips be put to |
silence,*
which speak insolent things
proudly and contemptuously
against the | righteous.
- 19 Oh, how great is Your goodness,
which You have laid up for those
who | fear You,*
which You have prepared for
those who trust in You in the
presence of the | sons of men!
- 20 You shall hide them in the secret
place of Your presence from the |
plots of man;*
You shall keep them secretly in
a pavilion from the | strife of
tongues.
- 21 Blessed | be the LORD,*
For He has shown me His
marvelous kindness in a
strong | city!
- 22 For I said in my haste, "I am cut
off from be- | fore Your eyes";*
Nevertheless You heard the
voice of my supplications when
I cried | out to You.
- 23 Oh, love the LORD, all | you His
saints!*
- For the LORD preserves the faith-
ful, and fully repays the proud |
person.
- 24 Be of good | courage,*
And He shall strengthen your
heart, all you who hope | in the
LORD.

Psalm 32



- 1 Blessed is he whose transgression
is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man to whom
the LORD does not impute in- |
iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no
deceit.

- 3 When I kept silent, my | bones
grew old*
through my groaning all | the
day long.
- 4 For day and night Your hand was
heavy up- | on me;*
my vitality was turned into the
drought of | summer.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to You,
and my iniquity I have not |
hidden.*
I said, "I will confess my trans-
gressions to the LORD," and You
forgave the iniquity | of my sin.
- 6 For this cause everyone who is
godly shall pray to You in a time
when You | may be found;*
Surely in a flood of great waters
they shall not come | near him.
- 7 You are my | hiding place;*
You shall preserve me from trou-
ble; You shall surround me with
songs of de- | liverance.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you
in the way | you should go;*
I will guide you | with My eye.
- 9 Do not be like the horse or like
the mule, which have no under- |
standing,*
which must be harnessed with
bit and bridle, else they will not
come | near you.
- 10 Many sorrows shall be to the |
wicked;*
but he who trusts in the LORD,
mercy shall sur- | round him.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice,
you | righteous;*
and shout for joy, all you up- |
right in heart!

Day 5, evening

Psalm 33



- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righ-
teous!*
For praise from the upright is |
beautiful.
- 2 Praise the LORD | with the harp;*
make melody to Him with an
instrument of | ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a | new song;*
play skillfully with a | shout of
joy.
- 4 For the word of the | LORD is
right,*
and all His work is | done in
truth.
- 5 He loves righteousness and |
justice;*
the earth is full of the good-
ness | of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the |
heavens were made,*
and all the host of them by the
breath | of His mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea
together | as a heap;*
He lays up the deep in | store-
houses.
- 8 Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*
let all the inhabitants of the
world stand in | awe of Him.
- 9 For He spoke, and | it was done;*
He commanded, and | it stood
fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of
the nations to | nothing;*
He makes the plans of the
peoples of | no effect.

- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands
for- | ever,*
the plans of His heart to all
gener- | ations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God |
is the LORD,*
the people He has chosen as His
own in- | heritance.
- 13 The LORD looks from | heaven,*
He sees all the | sons of men.
- 14 From the place of His dwelling |
He looks*
on all the inhabitants | of the
earth;
- 15 He fashions their hearts indi- |
vidually,*
He considers | all their works.
- 16 No king is saved by the multitude
of an | army,*
a mighty man is not delivered
by | great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for |
safety,*
neither shall it deliver any by
its | great strength.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on
those who | fear Him,*
on those who hope in His |
mercy,
- 19 To deliver their | soul from
death,*
And to keep them alive in |
famine.
- 20 Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
He is our help | and our shield.
- 21 For our heart shall re- | joice in
Him,*
because we have trusted in His |
holy name.

- 22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be up-
on us,*
just as we | hope in You.

Psalm 34



- 1 I will bless the LORD at | all
times;*
- His praise shall continually be |
in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make its boast | in
the LORD;*
- the humble shall hear of it | and
be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the | LORD with
me,*
- and let us exalt His name to- |
gether.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and He | heard
me,*
- and delivered me from | all my
fears.
- 5 They looked to Him and were |
radiant,*
- and their faces were | not
ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried out, and the
LORD | heard him,*
- and saved him out of all his |
troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps
all around those who | fear Him,*
- and de- | livers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the | LORD
is good;*
- blessed is the man who | trusts
in Him!

- 7 For without cause they have
hidden their net for me | in a pit,*
which they have dug without
cause | for my life.
- 8 Let destruction come upon him
unexpectedly, and let his net that
he has hidden | catch himself;*
into that very destruction | let
him fall.
- 9 And my soul shall be joyful | in
the LORD;*
it shall rejoice in His sal- |
vation.
- 10 All my bones shall say, "LORD,
who is like You, delivering the
poor from him who is too | strong
for him,*
yes, the poor and the needy from
him who | plunders him?"
- 11 Fierce witnesses | rise up;*
they ask me things that I | do
not know.
- 12 They reward me e- | vil for good,*
to the sorrow | of my soul.
- 13 But as for me, when | they were
sick,*
my clothing was sackcloth; I
humbled myself with fasting;
and my prayer would return to |
my own heart.
- 14 I paced about as though he were
my friend or | brother;*
I bowed down heavily, as one
who mourns for his | mother.
- 15 But in my adversity they rejoiced
and gathered to- | gether;*
Attackers gathered against me,
and I did not know it; they tore
at me and | did not cease;
- 16 With ungodly mock- | ers at
feasts*
they gnashed at me | with their
teeth.
- 17 LORD, how long will | You look
on?*
- Rescue me from their destruc-
tions, my precious life from
the | lions.
- 18 I will give You thanks in the great
as- | sembly;*
I will praise You among many |
people.
- 19 Let them not rejoice over me who
are wrongfully my | enemies;*
Nor let them wink with the eye
who hate me | without a cause.
- 20 For they do not | speak peace,*
but they devise deceitful matters
against the quiet ones | in the
land.
- 21 They also opened their mouth
wide a- | gainst me,*
and said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes
have | seen it."
- 22 This You have seen, O LORD; do
not keep | silence.*
O LORD, do not be | far from
me.
- 23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my
vindi- | cation,*
to my cause, my God | and my
LORD.
- 24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God,
according to Your | righteous-
ness;*
and let them not rejoice | over
me.
- 25 Let them not say in their hearts,
"Ah, so we would | have it!"*
Let them not say, "We have
swal- | lowed him up."

26 Let them be ashamed and brought
to mutual confusion who rejoice |
at my hurt;*

let them be clothed with shame
and dishonor who exalt them-
selves a- | gainst me.

27 Let them shout for joy and be
glad, who favor my | righteous
cause;*

and let them say continually,
“Let the LORD be magnified,
who has pleasure in the prosper-
ity of His | servant.”

28 And my tongue shall speak of
Your | righteousness*
and of Your praise all the | day
long.

Day 6, evening

Psalm 36



1 An oracle within my heart
concerning the transgression of
the | wicked:*

There is no fear of God be- | fore
his eyes.

2 For he flatters himself in his | own
eyes,*

when he finds out his iniquity
and | when he hates.

3 The words of his mouth are wick-
edness | and deceit;*

he has ceased to be wise and | to
do good.

4 He devises wickedness on his bed;
he sets himself in a way that | is
not good;*

He does not abhor | evil.

5 Your mercy, O LORD, is in the |
heavens;*

Your faithfulness reaches | to
the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the
great mountains; Your judgments
are a | great deep;*

O LORD, You preserve | man
and beast.

7 How precious is Your lovingkind-
ness, | O God!*

Therefore the children of
men put their trust under the
shadow | of Your wings.

8 They are abundantly satisfied
with the fullness | of Your house,*
and You give them drink from
the river of Your | pleasures.

9 For with You is the foun- | tain of
life;*

in Your light | we see light.

10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness
to those who | know You,*

and Your righteousness to the
up- | right in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come a- |
gainst me,*

and let not the hand of the
wicked drive | me away.

12 There the workers of iniquity
have | fallen;*

they have been cast down and
are not a- | ble to rise.

Psalm 37



- 1 Do not fret because of evil- |
doers,*
nor be envious of the workers of
in- | iquity.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down |
like the grass,*
and wither as the | green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, | and do
good;*
dwell in the land, and feed on
His | faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself also | in the
LORD,*
and He shall give you the
desires | of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way | to the LORD,*
Trust also in Him, and He shall
bring | it to pass.
- 6 He shall bring forth your righ-
teousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noon-
day.
- 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait
patiently | for Him;*
do not fret because of him who
prosper in his way, because of
the man who brings wicked |
schemes to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and for- | sake
wrath;*
do not fret—it only | causes
harm.
- 9 For evildoers shall | be cut off;*
but those who wait on the LORD,
they shall inher- | it the earth.

- 10 For yet a little while and the
wicked shall | be no more;*
indeed, you will look carefully
for his place, but it shall | be no
more.
- 11 But the meek shall inher- | it the
earth,*
and shall delight themselves in
the abun- | dance of peace.
- 12 The wicked plots a- | gainst the
just,*
and gnashes at him | with his
teeth.
- 13 The LORD | laughs at him,*
for He sees that his day is |
coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword
and have | bent their bow,*
To cast down the poor and
needy, to slay those who are of
upright | conduct.
- 15 Their sword shall enter their |
own heart,*
and their bows shall be | broken.
- 16 A little that a righteous | man
has*
is better than the riches of
many | wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall
be | broken,*
but the LORD upholds the |
righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the |
upright,*
and their inheritance shall be
for- | ever.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in
the | evil time,*
and in the days of famine they
shall be | satisfied.

- 20 But the wicked shall perish; and
the enemies | of the LORD,*
like the splendor of the mead-
ows, shall vanish. Into smoke
they shall van- | ish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows and does |
not repay,*
but the righteous shows mer- |
cy and gives.
- 22 For those blessed by Him shall
inher- | it the earth,*
but those cursed by Him shall |
be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a good man are
ordered | by the LORD,*
and He delights | in his way.
- 24 Though he fall, he shall not be
utterly | cast down;*
for the LORD upholds him |
with His hand.
- 25 I have been young, and | now am
old;*
yet I have not seen the righteous
forsaken, nor his descendants |
begging bread.
- 26 He is ever merci- | ful, and lends;*
and his descendants | are
blessed.
- 27 Depart from evil, | and do good;*
and dwell for- | evermore.
- 28 For the LORD loves justice, and
does not for- | sake His saints;*
they are preserved forever, but
the descendants of the wicked
shall | be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall inher- | it the
land,*
and dwell in it for- | ever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous
speaks | wisdom,*
and his tongue talks of | justice.
- 31 The law of his God is | in his
heart;*
none of his | steps shall slide.
- 32 The wicked watches the | righ-
teous,*
and seeks to | slay him.
- 33 The LORD will not leave him | in
his hand,*
nor condemn him when | he is
judged.
- 34 Wait on the LORD, and keep His
way, and He shall exalt you to
inher- | it the land;*
When the wicked are cut off,
you shall | see it.
- 35 I have seen the wicked in great |
power,*
and spreading himself like a
native | green tree.
- 36 Yet he passed away, and behold,
he | was no more;*
indeed I sought him, but he
could | not be found.
- 37 Mark the blameless man, and
observe the | upright;*
for the future of that | man is
peace.
- 38 But the transgressors shall be
destroyed to- | gether;*
the future of the wicked shall |
be cut off.
- 39 But the salvation of the righteous
is | from the LORD;*
He is their strength in the time
of | trouble.
- 40 And the LORD shall help them
and deliver them; He shall deliver
them from the | wicked,*
and save them, because they |
trust in Him.

Day 7, morning

Psalm 38



- 1 O LORD, do not rebuke me | in
Your wrath,*
nor chasten me in Your hot
dis- | pleasure!
- 2 For Your arrows pierce me |
deeply,*
and Your hand pres- | ses me
down.
- 3 There is no soundness in my flesh
because of Your | anger,*
nor any health in my bones
because | of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities have gone o- |
ver my head,*
like a heavy burden they are too
heav- | y for me.
- 5 My wounds are foul and | fester-
ing*
because of my | foolishness.
- 6 I am troubled, I am bowed down |
greatly;*
I go mourning all the | day long.
- 7 For my loins are full of inflame- |
ment,*
and there is no soundness | in
my flesh.
- 8 I am feeble and severely |
broken,*
I groan because of the turmoil |
of my heart.
- 9 LORD, all my desire is be- | fore
You;*
and my sighing is not hidden |
from You.
- 10 My heart pants, my strength |
fails me;*
as for the light of my eyes, it also
has | gone from me.
- 11 My loved ones and my friends
stand aloof | from my plague,*
and my relatives stand a- | far
off.
- 12 Those also who seek my life lay |
snares for me;*
those who seek my hurt speak of
destruction, and plan deception
all the | day long.
- 13 But I, like a deaf man, | do not
hear;*
and I am like a mute who does
not o- | pen his mouth.
- 14 Thus I am like a man who | does
not hear,*
and in whose mouth is | no
response.
- 15 For in You, O | LORD, I hope;*
You will hear, O | LORD my God.
- 16 For I said, "Hear me, lest they
rejoice | over me,*
lest, when my foot slips, they
exalt themselves a- | gainst me."
- 17 For I am read- | y to fall,*
and my sorrow is continually
be- | fore me.
- 18 For I will declare my in- | iquity;*
I will be in anguish o- | ver my
sin.
- 19 But my enemies are vigorous,
and | they are strong;*
and those who hate me wrong-
fully have | multiplied.
- 20 Those also who render e- | vil for
good,*
they are my adversaries, because
I follow | what is good.

- 21 Do not forsake me, | O LORD;*
O my God, be not | far from me!
- 22 Make haste to | help me,*
O LORD, my sal- | vation!

Day 7, evening

Psalm 39



- 1 I said, "I will guard my ways, lest I
sin | with my tongue;*
I will restrain my mouth with
a muzzle, while the wicked are
be- | fore me."
- 2 I was mute with silence, I held my
peace e- | ven from good;*
and my sorrow was | stirred up.
- 3 My heart was hot with- | in me;*
while I was musing, the fire
burned. Then I spoke | with my
tongue:
- 4 "LORD, make me to know my end,
and what is the measure | of my
days,*
that I may know how | frail I
am.
- 5 Indeed, You have made my days
as handbreadths, and my age is as
nothing be- | fore You;*
certainly every man at his best
state is but | vapor.
- 6 Surely every man walks about like
a | shadow;*
surely they busy themselves in
vain; he heaps up riches, and
does not know who will | gather
them.
- 7 "And now, LORD, what do I | wait
for?*"

My hope | is in You.

- 8 Deliver me from all my trans- |
gressions;*
do not make me the reproach of
the | foolish.
- 9 I was mute, I did not o- | pen my
mouth,*
because it was You who | did it.
- 10 Remove Your | plague from me;*
I am consumed by the blow | of
Your hand.
- 11 When with rebukes You correct
man for in- | iquity,*
You make his beauty melt away
like a moth; surely every man
is | vapor.
- 12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and
give ear to my cry; do not be
silent | at my tears;*
for I am a stranger with You, a
sojourner, as all my | fathers
were.
- 13 Remove Your gaze from me, that I
may re- | gain strength,*
before I go away and | am no
more."

Psalm 40



- 1 I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
and He inclined to me, and |
heard my cry.
- 2 He also brought me up out of a
horrible pit, out of the | miry
clay,*
and set my feet upon a rock, and
estab- | lished my steps.
- 3 He has put a new song in my
mouth— praise | to our God;*
many will see it and fear, and
will trust | in the LORD.

4 Blessed is that man who makes
the | LORD his trust,*
and does not respect the proud,
nor such as turn a- | side to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your
wonderful works which | You
have done;*

and Your thoughts toward us
cannot be recounted to You in
order; if I would declare and
speak of them, they are more
than can be | numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering You did not
desire;

My ears You have | opened.*
Burnt offering and sin offering
You did | not require.

7 Then I said, "Be- | hold, I come;*"
in the scroll of the book it is
writ- | ten of me.

8 I delight to do Your will, | O my
God,*

and Your law is with- | in my
heart."

9 I have proclaimed the good news
of righteousness in the great as- |
sembly;*

indeed, I do not restrain my lips,
O LORD, You Your- | self know.

10 I have not hidden Your righteous-
ness within my heart; I have
declared Your faithfulness and
Your sal- | vation;*

I have not concealed Your
loving-kindness and Your truth
from the great as- | sembly.

11 Do not withhold Your tender
mercies from me, | O LORD;*

let Your lovingkindness and
Your truth continually pre- |
serve me.

12 For innumerable evils have
surrounded me; my iniquities
have overtaken me, so that I am
not able to | look up;*

They are more than the hairs of
my head; therefore my heart |
fails me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to de- | liver
me;*

O LORD, make haste to | help
me!

14 Let them be ashamed and brought
to mutual confusion who seek to
de- | stroy my life;*

Let them be driven backward
and brought to dishonor who
wish me | evil.

15 Let them be confounded because |
of their shame,*

who say to me, "A- | ha, aha!"

16 Let all those who seek You rejoice
and be | glad in You;*

let such as love Your salvation
say continually, "The LORD be |
magnified!"

17 But I am poor and needy; yet the
LORD thinks up- | on me.*

You are my help and my deliv-
erer; do not delay, | O my God.

Psalm 41



1 Blessed is he who consid- | ers the
poor;*

The LORD will deliver him in
time of | trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him and
keep him alive, and he will be
blessed | on the earth;*

You will not deliver him to the
will of his | enemies.

- 3 The LORD will strengthen him on
his bed of | illness;*
You will sustain him on his |
sickbed.
- 4 I said, "LORD, be merci- | ful to
me;*
heal my soul, for I have sinned
a- | gainst You."
- 5 My enemies speak e- | vil of me:*
"When will he die, and his
name | perish?"
- 6 And if he comes to see me, he |
speaks lies;*
his heart gathers iniquity to
itself; when he goes out, he |
tells it.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together
a- | gainst me;*
against me they de- | vise my
hurt.
- 8 "An evil disease," they say, |
"clings to him.*
And now that he lies down, he
will rise | up no more."
- 9 Even my own familiar friend in
whom I trusted, who | ate my
bread,*
has lifted up his heel a- | gainst
me.
- 10 But You, O LORD, be merciful to
me, and | raise me up,*
that I may re- | pay them.
- 11 By this I know that You are well |
pleased with me,*
because my enemy does not
triumph | over me.
- 12 As for me, You uphold me in my
in- | tegrity,*
and set me before Your face
for- | ever.

- 13 Blessed be the LORD God of |
Israel*
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and | Amen.

Day 8, morning

Psalm 42



- 1 As the deer pants for the | water
brooks,*
so pants my soul for | You, O
God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the |
living God.*
When shall I come and appear
be- | fore God?
- 3 My tears have been my food | day
and night,*
while they continually say to
me, "Where | is your God?"
- 4 When I remember these things, I
pour out my soul with- | in me.*
For I used to go with the multi-
tude; I went with them to the |
house of God,
With the voice of | joy and
praise,*
with a multitude that kept a |
pilgrim feast.
- 5 Why are you cast down, | O my
soul?*
- And why are you disquieted
with- | in me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet |
praise Him*
for the help of His | counte-
nance.

- 6 O my God, my soul is cast down
with- | in me;*
therefore I will remember You
from the land of the Jordan, and
from the heights of Hermon,
from the | Hill Mizar.

- 7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise
of Your | waterfalls;*
all Your waves and billows have
gone | over me.

- 8 The LORD will command His
lovingkindness in the | daytime,*
and in the night His song shall
be with me—a prayer to the
God | of my life.

- 9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why
have You for- | gotten me?"
Why do I go mourning because
of the oppression of the |
enemy?"

- 10 As with a breaking of my bones,
my enemies re- | proach me,*
while they say to me all day
long, “Where | is your God?”

- 11 Why are you cast down, O my
soul? And why are you disquieted
with- | in me?*
- Hope in God; for I shall yet
praise Him, the help of my coun-
tenance | and my God.

Psalm 43



- 1 Vindicate me, O God, and plead
my cause against an ungodly |
nation;*
oh, deliver me from the deceitful
and | unjust man!

- 2 For You are the God of my
strength; why do You | cast me
off?*
- Why do I go mourning because
of the oppression of the |
enemy?

- 3 Oh, send out Your light | and
Your truth!*
- Let them lead me; let them bring
me to Your holy hill and to Your
taber- | nacle.

- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my ex- | ceeding joy;*
and on the harp I will praise
You, O | God, my God.

- 5 Why are you cast down, O my
soul? And why are you disquieted
with- | in me?^{2*}
- Hope in God; for I shall yet
praise Him, the help of my coun-
tenance | and my God.

Psalm 44



- 1 We have heard with our ears, O
God, our fathers have | told us,*
the deeds You did in their days,
in | days of old:
- 2 You drove out the nations with
Your hand, but them You |
planted;*,
You afflicted the peoples, and |
cast them out.
- 3 For they did not gain possession of
the land by their own sword, nor
did their own arm | save them;*,
But it was Your right hand, Your
arm, and the light of Your coun-
tenance, because You | favored
them.
- 4 You are my King, | O God;*,
command victories for | Jacob.
- 5 Through You we will push down
our | enemies;*,
through Your name we will
trample those who rise up a- |
gainst us.
- 6 For I will not trust | in my bow;*,
nor shall my sword | save me.
- 7 But You have saved us from our |
enemies;*,
and have put to shame those
who | hated us.
- 8 In God we boast | all day long;*,
and praise Your name for- | ever.
- 9 But You have cast us off and put |
us to shame;*,
and You do not go out with
our | armies.
- 10 You make us turn back from the |
enemy;*,
and those who hate us have
taken spoil | for themselves.
- 11 You have given us up like sheep
intend- | ed for food;*,
and have scattered us among
the | nations.
- 12 You sell Your people for next to |
nothing;*,
and are not enriched by | selling
them.
- 13 You make us a reproach to our |
neighbors;*,
a scorn and a derision to those
all a- | round us.
- 14 You make us a byword among
the | nations;*,
a shaking of the head among
the | peoples.
- 15 My dishonor is continually be- |
fore me;*,
and the shame of my face has |
covered me,
- 16 Because of the voice of him who
reproaches | and reviles;*,
because of the enemy and the
a- | venger.
- 17 All this has come upon us; but we
have not for- | gotten You;*,
nor have we dealt falsely with
Your | covenant.
- 18 Our heart has | not turned back;*,
nor have our steps departed |
from Your way;
- 19 But You have severely broken us
in the place of | jackals;*,
and covered us with the sha- |
dow of death.

- 3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh,
O | Mighty One,*
with Your glory and Your |
majesty.
- 4 And in Your majesty ride prosper-
ously because of truth, humility,
and | righteousness;*
and Your right hand shall teach
You | awesome things.
- 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart
of the King's | enemies;*
the peoples fall | under You.
- 6 Your throne, O God, is forever
and | ever;*
a scepter of righteousness is the
scepter of Your | kingdom.
- 7 You love righteousness and hate |
wickedness;*
Therefore God, Your God, has
anointed You with the oil of
gladness more than Your com- |
panions.
- 8 All Your garments are scented
with myrrh and aloes and |
cassia,*
out of the ivory palaces, by
which they have | made You
glad.

Psalm 45



- 9 Kings' daughters are among Your
honorable | women; *
at Your right hand stands the
queen in gold from | Ophir.
- 10 Listen, O daughter, consider and
in- | cline your ear; *
forget your own people also, and
your | father's house;
- 11 So the King will greatly desire
your | beauty; *
because He is your LORD, |
worship Him.

- 12 And the daughter of Tyre will
come | with a gift;*
the rich among the people will
seek your | favor.
- 13 The royal daughter is all glorious
within the | palace;*
her clothing is wov- | en with
gold.
- 14 She shall be brought to the King
in robes of many | colors;*
the virgins, her companions who
follow her, shall be | brought to
You.
- 15 With gladness and rejoicing they |
shall be brought;*
they shall enter the King's |
palace.
- 16 Instead of Your fathers shall | be
Your sons,*
whom You shall make princes
in | all the earth.
- 17 I will make Your name to be
remembered in all gener- |
ations;*
therefore the people shall praise
You forever and | ever.
- 3 Though its waters roar and be |
troubled,*
though the mountains shake
with its | swelling.
- 4 There is a river whose streams
shall make glad the cit- | y of
God,*
the holy place of the tabernacle
of the | Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, she
shall | not be moved;*
God shall help her, just at the |
break of dawn.
- 6 The nations raged, the king- |
doms were moved;*
He uttered His voice, the earth |
melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | refuge.
- 8 Come, behold the works | of the
LORD,*
who has made desolations | in
the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of
the earth; He breaks the bow and
cuts the | spear in two;*
He burns the chariot | in the
fire.

Psalm 46



- 1 God is our ref- | uge and
strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, even
though the earth | be removed,*
and though the mountains be
carried into the midst | of the
sea;
- 10 Be still, and know that | I am
God;*
I will be exalted among the
nations, I will be exalted | in the
earth!
- 11 The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | refuge.

Psalm 47



- 1 Oh, clap your hands, all you | peoples!*
- Shout to God with the voice of | triumph!
- 2 For the LORD Most High is | awesome;*
- He is a great King over | all the earth.
- 3 He will subdue the peoples | under us,*
- and the nations un- | der our feet.
- 4 He will choose our inheri- | tance for us,*
- the excellence of Jacob | whom He loves.
- 5 God has gone up | with a shout,*
- the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
- Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
- 7 For God is the King of | all the earth;*
- sing praises with under- | stand- ing.
- 8 God reigns over the | nations;*
- God sits on His | holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the people have gathered together, the people of the God of | Abraham.*
- For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly ex- | alted.

Psalm 48



- 1 Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised*
- In the city of our God, In His holy | mountain.
- 2 Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the | whole earth,*
- Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the | great King.
- 3 God is in her | palaces;*
- He is known as her | refuge.
- 4 For behold, the kings as- | sembled,*
- They passed by to- | gether.
- 5 They saw it, and so they | marveled;*
- They were troubled, they has- | tened away.
- 6 Fear took hold | of them there,*
- And pain, as of a woman in | birth pangs,
- 7 As when You break the ships of | Tarshish*
- With an | east wind.
- 8 As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the | LORD of hosts,*
- In the city of our God: God will establish it for- | ever.
- 9 We have thought, O God, on Your loving- | kindness,*
- In the midst of Your | temple.
- 10 According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends | of the earth;*
- Your right hand is full of | righ- teousness.

- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Ju- | dah be glad,*
Because of Your | judgments.
- 12 Walk about | Zion,*
and go all around her. | Count
her towers;
- 13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider
her | palaces;*
That you may tell it to the gener-
ation | following.
- 14 For this is God, Our God forever
and | ever;*
He will be our guide E- | ven to
death.

Day 9, morning

Psalms 49



- 1 Hear this, all | peoples;*
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the
world,
- 2 Both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether.
- 3 My mouth shall speak | wisdom,*
and the meditation of my heart
shall give under- | standing.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a | prov-
erb;
I will disclose my dark saying |
on the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in the days of |
evil,*
when the iniquity at my heels
sur- | rounds me?
- 6 Those who trust in their wealth
And boast in the multitude of
their | riches,*
- 7 None of them can by any means
redeem his brother, Nor give to
God a ran- | som for him—
- 8 For the redemption of their souls
is | costly,*
and it shall cease for- | ever—
- 9 That he should continue to live
e- | ternally,*
and not | see the Pit.
- 10 For he sees | wise men die;*
Likewise the fool and the sense-
less person perish, And leave
their wealth to | others.
- 11 Their inner thought is that their
houses will last forever, Their
dwelling places to all gene- |
rations,*
They call their lands after their |
own names.
- 12 Nevertheless man, though in
honor, does | not remain;*
He is like the beasts that |
perish.
- 13 This is the way of those who are |
foolish,*
and of their posterity who
approve their | sayings.
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in the
grave; Death shall | feed on
them,*
The upright shall have domin-
ion over them in the morn-
ing; And their beauty shall be
consumed in the grave, far from
their | dwelling.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from
the power | of the grave,*
For He shall re- | ceive me.
- 16 Do not be afraid when one be- |
comes rich,*
When the glory of his house | is
increased;

17 For when he dies he shall carry
no- | thing away;*
His glory shall not descend |
after him.

18 Though while he lives he bles- |
ses himself*
(For men will praise you when
you do well | for yourself),

19 He shall go to the generation of
his | fathers;*
They shall nev- | er see light.

20 A man who is in honor, yet does
not | understand,*
Is like the beasts that | perish.

Day 9, evening

Psalm 50



17 For when he dies he shall carry
no- | thing away;*

His glory shall not descend |
after him.

18 Though while he lives he bles- |
ses himself*

(For men will praise you when
you do well | for yourself),

19 He shall go to the generation of
his | fathers;*

They shall nev- | er see light.

20 A man who is in honor, yet does
not | understand,*

Is like the beasts that | perish.

Day 9, evening

Psalms 50

* I d: Dorian

1 The Mighty One, God the LORD,
has | spoken*

and called the earth from the
rising of the sun to its | going
down.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of |
beauty,*

God will | shine forth.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not
keep | silent;*

a fire shall devour before Him,
and it shall be very tempestuous
all a- | round Him.

4 He shall call to the heavens | from
above,*

and to the earth, that He may
judge His | people:

5 "Gather My saints together | to
Me,*

those who have made a cove-
nant with Me by | sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare His | righ-
teousness,*

for God Him- | self is Judge.

7 "Hear, O My people, and I will
speak, O Israel, and I will testify
a- | gainst you;*

I am | God, your God!

8 I will not rebuke you for your
sacrifices or your burnt | offer-
ings,*

which are continually be- | fore
Me.

9 I will not take a bull | from your
house,*

nor goats out | of your folds.

10 For every beast of the for- | est is
Mine,*

and the cattle on a | thousand
hills.

11 I know all the birds of the | moun-
tains,*

and the wild beasts of the | field
are Mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not | tell
you;*

for the world is Mine, and all
its | fullness.

13 Will I eat the | flesh of bulls,*

or drink the | blood of goats?

14 Offer to God thanks- | giving,*

and pay your vows to the | Most
High.

15 Call upon Me in the day of | trou-
ble;*

I will deliver you, and you shall
glor- | ify Me."

16 But to the wicked God says:
"What right have you to declare
My | statutes,*

or take My covenant | in your
mouth,

- 17 seeing you hate in- | struction*
and cast My words be- | hind
you?
- 18 When you saw a thief, you
consented | with him,*
and have been a partaker with
a- | dulterers.
- 19 You give your mouth to | evil,*
and your tongue | frames deceit.
- 20 You sit and speak against your |
brother;*
you slander your own | mother's
son.
- 21 These things you have done, and I
kept silent; you thought that I was
altogether | like you,*
but I will rebuke you, and set
them in order be- | fore your
eyes.
- 22 Now consider this, you who for- |
get God,*
lest I tear you in pieces, and
there be none to de- | liver:
- 23 Whoever offers praise glori- | fies
Me;*
and to him who orders his
conduct aright I will show the
salva- | tion of God."
- 3 For I acknowledge my trans- |
gressions,*
and my sin is always be- | fore
me.
- 4 Against You, You only, have I
sinned, and done this evil | in
Your sight—*
that You may be found just
when You speak, and blame-
less | when You judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in
in- | iquity,*
and in sin my mother con- |
ceived me.
- 6 Behold, You desire truth in the |
inward parts,*
and in the hidden part You will
make me to know | wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I |
shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whi- |
ter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear joy and | gladness,*
that the bones You have
broken | may rejoice.
- 9 Hide Your face | from my sins,*
And blot out all my in- | iqui-
ties.

Psalm 51



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| <p>1 Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to Your loving- kind-
ness;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">according to the multitude of
Your tender mercies, blot out my
trans- gressions.</p> <p>2 Wash me thoroughly from my
in- iquity,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and cleanse me from my sin.</p> | <p style="padding-left: 40px;">presence,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">and do not take Your Holy
Spirit from me.</p> <p>12 Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
vation,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and uphold me by Your gener-
ous Spirit.</p> |
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- 13 Then I will teach transgressors |
Your ways,*
and sinners shall be convert- |
ed to You.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O God, The God of my
sal- | vation,*
and my tongue shall sing aloud
of Your | righteousness.
- 15 O LORD, o- | pen my lips,*
and my mouth shall show |
forth Your praise.
- 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or
else I would | give it;*
You do not delight in burnt |
offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit, a broken and a | contrite
heart—*
These, O God, You will | not
despise.
- 18 Do good in Your good pleasure
to | Zion,*
Build the walls of Je- | rusalem.
- 19 Then You shall be pleased with
the sacrifices of | righteousness,*
With burnt offering and whole
burnt offering; then they shall
offer bulls on Your | altar.

Day 10, morning

Psalm 52



- 1 Why do you boast in evil, O |
mighty man?*
- The goodness of God endures
con- | tinually.
- 2 Your tongue devises de- | struc-
tion,*
- like a sharp razor, working de- |
ceitfully.
- 3 You love evil | more than good,*
lying rather than speaking |
righteousness.
- 4 You love all de- | vouring words,*
you de- | ceitful tongue.
- 5 God shall likewise destroy you
for- | ever;*
- He shall take you away, and
pluck you out of your dwelling
place, and uproot you from the
land of the | living.
- 6 The righteous also shall | see and
fear,*
- and shall laugh at him, | saying,
- 7 “Here is the man who did not
make | God his strength,*
- But trusted in the abundance
of his riches, and strengthened
himself in his | wickedness.”
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in
the | house of God;*
- I trust in the mercy of God
forever and | ever.
- 9 I will praise You forever, because
You have | done it;*
- and in the presence of Your
saints I will wait on Your name,
for | it is good.

Psalm 53



- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the |
wicked; *
for they bring down trouble
upon me, and in wrath they |
hate me.
- 4 My heart is severely pained
with- | in me,*
and the terrors of death have
fallen up- | on me.
- 5 Fearfulness and trembling have
come up- | on me,*
and horror has over | whelmed
me.
- 6 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings |
like a dove!*"
I would fly away and | be at rest.
- 7 Indeed, I would wander | far off,*
and remain in the | wilderness.
- 8 I would hasten | my escape*
from the windy storm and |
tempest."
- 9 Destroy, O LORD, and di- | vide
their tongues,*
for I have seen violence and
strife in the | city.
- 10 Day and night they go around it |
on its walls; *
iniquity and trouble are also in
the | midst of it.
- 11 Destruction is | in its midst; *
oppression and deceit do not
depart | from its streets.
- 12 For it is not an enemy who re- |
proaches me; *
then I could | bear it.
Nor is it one who hates me who
has exalted himself a- | gainst
me; *
then I could | hide from him.
- 13 But it was you, a man my | equal,*
my companion and my ac- |
quaintance.
- 14 We took sweet counsel to- |
gether,*
and walked to the house of
God | in the throng.
- 15 Let death seize them; Let them go
down alive | into hell,*
for wickedness is in their dwell-
ings and a- | mong them.
- 16 As for me, I will call up- | on
God,*
and the LORD shall | save me.
- 17 Evening and morning and at noon
I will pray, and | cry aloud,*
and He shall | hear my voice.
- 18 He has redeemed my soul in peace
from the battle that was a- | gainst
me,*
for there were many a- | gainst
me.
- 19 God will hear, and afflict them,
even He who abides | from of
old.*
Because they do not change,
therefore they do not | fear God.
- 20 He has put forth his hands against
those who were at | peace with
him,*
he has broken his | covenant.
- 21 The words of his mouth were
smoother than butter, but war
was | in his heart; *
his words were softer than oil,
yet they were | drawn swords.
- 22 Cast your burden on the LORD,
and He shall sus- | tain you; *
He shall never permit the righ-
teous | to be moved.

- 23 But You, O God, shall bring them
down to the pit of de- | struction;*
bloodthirsty and deceitful men
shall not live out half their days;
but I will | trust in You.

Psalm 56



- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, for man
would swal- | low me up;*
fighting all day he op- | presses
me.
- 2 My enemies would hound | me all
day,*
for there are many who fight
against me, | O Most High.
- 3 Whenever I | am afraid,*
I will | trust in You.
- 4 In God (I will praise His word), In
God I have | put my trust;*
I will not fear. What can flesh |
do to me?
- 5 All day they | twist my words;*
all their thoughts are against me
for | evil.
- 6 They gather together, they hide,
they | mark my steps,*
when they lie in wait | for my
life.
- 7 Shall they escape by in- | iquity?*
- In anger cast down the
peoples, | O God!
- 8 You number my | wanderings;*
put my tears into Your bottle;
are they not | in Your book?
- 9 When I cry out to You, then my
enemies | will turn back;*
this I know, because God is |
for me.

- 10 In God (I will | praise His word),*
in the LORD (I will | praise His
word),

- 11 In God I have put my trust; I will
not | be afraid.*

What can man | do to me?

- 12 Vows made to You are binding
upon me, | O God;*

I will render praise- | es to You,

- 13 For You have delivered my | soul
from death.*

Have You not kept my feet from
falling, that I may walk before
God in the light of the | living?

Psalm 57



- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, be
merciful to me! For my soul |
trusts in You;*
and in the shadow of Your wings
I will make my refuge, until
these calamities | have passed
by.
- 2 I will cry out to | God Most High,*
to God who performs all | things
for me.
- 3 He shall send from heaven and
save me; He reproaches the one
who would swal- | low me up.*
God shall send forth His mercy |
and His truth.
- 4 My soul is among lions; I lie
among the sons of men who are |
set on fire,*
whose teeth are spears and
arrows, and their tongue a |
sharp sword.

- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the |
heavens;*
let Your glory be above | all the
earth.
- 6 They have prepared a net for my
steps; my soul is | bowed down;*
they have dug a pit before me;
into the midst of it they them-
selves have | fallen.
- 7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my
heart is | steadfast;*
I will sing | and give praise.
- 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, | lute
and harp!*
- I will awak- | en the dawn.
- 9 I will praise You, O LORD, among
the | peoples;*
I will sing to You among the |
nations.
- 10 For Your mercy reaches unto the |
heavens,*
and Your truth un- | to the
clouds.
- 11 Be exalted, O God, above the |
heavens;*
let Your glory be above | all the
earth.

Day 11, morning

Psalm 58



- 1 Do you indeed speak righteous-
ness, you | silent ones?*
- Do you judge uprightly, you |
sons of men?
- 2 No, in heart you work | wicked-
ness;*
- You weigh out the violence of
your hands | in the earth.

- 3 The wicked are estranged | from
the womb;*
- They go astray as soon as they
are born, | speaking lies.
- 4 Their poison is like the poison of
a | serpent;*
- They are like the deaf cobra
that | stops its ear,
- 5 Which will not heed the voice of |
charmers,*
charming ever so | skillfully.
- 6 Break their teeth in their mouth, |
O God!*
- Break out the fangs of the young
lions, | O LORD!
- 7 Let them flow away as waters
which run con- | tinually;*
- When he bends his bow, let his
arrows be as if cut in | pieces.
- 8 Let them be like a snail which
melts away | as it goes,*
Like a stillborn child of a
woman, that they may not | see
the sun.
- 9 Before your pots can feel the burn-
ing thorns, He shall take them
away as with a | whirlwind,*
As in His living and | burning
wrath.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice when
he sees the | vengeance;*
- He shall wash his feet in the
blood of the | wicked,
- 11 So that men will say, "Surely there
is a reward for the | righteous;*"
 Surely He is God who judges |
in the earth."

Psalm 59



- 1 Deliver me from my enemies, | O my God;*
Defend me from those who rise up a- | gainst me.
- 2 Deliver me from the workers of in- | iquity,*
and save me from blood- | thirsty men.
- 3 For look, they lie in wait for my life; the mighty gather a- | gainst me,*
not for my transgression nor for my sin, | O LORD.
- 4 They run and prepare themselves through no | fault of mine.*
Awake to help me, | and behold!
- 5 You therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the | nations;*
Do not be merciful to any wicked trans- | gressors.
- 6 At evening they return, they growl | like a dog,*
and go all around the | city.
- 7 Indeed, they belch with their mouth; Swords are | in their lips;*
For they say, | "Who hears?"
- 8 But You, O LORD, shall | laugh at them;*
You shall have all the nations in de- | rision.
- 9 I will wait for You, O | You his Strength;*
For God is | my defense.
- 10 My God of mercy shall come to | meet me;*
God shall let me see my desire on my | enemies.
- 11 Do not slay them, lest my people forget; Scatter them | by Your power,*
and bring them down, O | LORD our shield.
- 12 For the sin of their mouth and the words | of their lips,*
let them even be taken in their pride, and for the cursing and lying | which they speak.
- 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they | may not be;*
And let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends | of the earth.
- 14 And at evening | they return,*
they growl like a dog, and go all around the | city.
- 15 They wander up and | down for food,*
and howl if they are not | satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the | morning;*
For You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my | trouble.
- 17 To You, O my Strength, I will sing | praises;*
For God is my defense, my God of | mercy.

Day 11, evening

Psalm 60



- 7 He shall abide before God for- |
ever.*

Oh, prepare mercy and truth,
which may pre- | serve him!

- 8 So I will sing praise to Your name
for- | ever,*

That I may daily per- | form my
vows.

Psalm 62



- 1 Truly my soul silently | waits for
God;*

From Him comes my sal- |
vation.

- 2 He only is my rock and my sal- |
vation;*

He is my defense; I shall not be |
greatly moved.

- 3 How long will you at- | tack a
man?*

You shall be slain, all of you, like
a leaning wall and a | tottering
fence.

- 4 They only consult to cast him
down from his high position;
They de- | light in lies;*

They bless with their mouth, but
they curse | inwardly.

- 5 My soul, wait silently for | God
alone;*

For my expectation | is from
Him.

- 6 He only is my rock and my sal- |
vation;*

He is my defense; I shall | not be
moved.

- 7 In God is my salvation and my |
glory;*

The rock of my strength, and my
refuge, | is in God.

- 8 Trust in Him at all times, you |
people;*

Pour out your heart before Him;
God is a re- | fuge for us.

- 9 Surely men of low degree are a
vapor, men of high degree | are a
lie;*

If they are weighed on the
scales, they are altogether lighter
than | vapor.

- 10 Do not trust in oppression, nor
vainly hope in | robbery;*

If riches increase, do not set
your | heart on them.

- 11 God has spoken once, twice I
have | heard this:*

That power be- | longs to God.

- 12 Also to You, O LORD, belongs |
mercy;*

For You render to each one
according | to his work.

Psalm 63



- 1 O God, You are my God; Early will
I seek You; My soul | thirsts for
You;*

My flesh longs for You in a dry
and thirsty land where there is
no | water.

- 2 So I have looked for You in the
sanctu- | ary,*

To see Your power and Your |
glory.

- 3 Because Your lovingkindness is
bet- | ter than life,*
My lips shall | praise You.
- 4 Thus I will bless You | while I
live;*
I will lift up my hands | in Your
name.
- 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with
marrow and | fatness,*
And my mouth shall praise You
with | joyful lips.
- 6 When I remember You | on my
bed,*
I meditate on You in the night |
watches.
- 7 Because You have | been my
help,*
Therefore in the shadow of Your
wings I | will rejoice.
- 8 My soul follows close be- | hind
You;*
Your right hand up- | holds me.
- 9 But those who seek my life, to
de- | stroy it,*
Shall go into the lower parts | of
the earth.
- 10 They shall fall | by the sword;*
They shall be a portion for |
jackals.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
everyone who swears by Him
shall | glory;*
But the mouth of those who
speak lies | shall be stopped.

Day 12, morning

Psalm 64



- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my
medi- | tation;*
Preserve my life from fear of
the | enemy.
- 2 Hide me from the secret plots of
the | wicked,*
From the rebellion of the work-
ers of in- | iquity,
- 3 Who sharpen their tongue | like a
sword,*
and bend their bows to shoot
their arrows— | bitter words,
- 4 That they may shoot in secret at
the | blameless;*
Suddenly they shoot at him
and | do not fear.
- 5 They encourage themselves in an
evil | matter;*
They talk of laying snares
secretly; They say, “Who will |
see them?”
- 6 They devise in- | iquities:*
“We have perfected a shrewd
scheme.” Both the inward
thought and the heart of | man
are deep.
- 7 But God shall shoot at them with
an | arrow;*
Suddenly they shall be |
wounded.
- 8 So He will make them stumble
over | their own tongue;*
All who see them shall | flee
away.

- 9 All men shall fear, and shall
declare the | work of God;*
For they shall wisely consider
His | doing.
- 10 The righteous shall be glad in the
LORD, and | trust in Him.*
And all the upright in heart
shall | glory.

Psalms 65



- 1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in |
Zion;*
And to You the vow shall | be
performed.
- 2 O You | who hear prayer,*
to You all | flesh will come.
- 3 Iniquities prevail a- | gainst me;*
As for our transgressions, You
will provide atone- | ment for
them.
- 4 Blessed is the man You choose,
and cause to approach You, that
he may dwell | in Your courts.*
We shall be satisfied with the
goodness of Your house, of Your
holy | temple.
- 5 By awesome deeds in righteous-
ness You will answer us, O God of
our sal- | vation,*
You who are the confidence of
all the ends of the earth, and of
the | far-off seas;
- 6 Who established the mountains |
by His strength,*
being | clothed with power;
- 7 You who still the noise | of the
seas,*
The noise of their waves, and
the tumult of the | peoples.

- 8 They also who dwell in the
farthest parts are afraid of | Your
signs;*
You make the outgoings of the
morning and eve- | ning rejoice.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it,
You greatly en- | rich it;*
The river of God is full of water;
You provide their grain, for so
You have pre- | pared it.

- 10 You water its ridges abundantly,
You settle its | furrows;*
You make it soft with showers,
You | bless its growth.
- 11 You crown the year with Your |
goodness,*
And Your paths drip with a- |
bundance.
- 12 They drop on the pastures of the |
wilderness,*
and the little hills rejoice on |
every side.
- 13 The pastures are | clothed with
flocks;*
The valleys also are covered with
grain; They shout for joy, they |
also sing.

Day 12, evening

Psalms 66



- 1 Make a joyful shout to God, | all
the earth!*
- 2 Sing out the honor of His name;
Make His praise | glorious.
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome | are
Your works!*"
Through the greatness of Your
power Your enemies shall
submit them- | selves to You.

- 4 All the earth shall worship You
And sing prais- | es to You;*
They shall sing praises | to Your
name."
- 5 Come and see the | works of
God;*
He is awesome in His doing
toward the | sons of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into | dry land;*
They went through the river on
foot. There we will re- | joice in
Him.
- 7 He rules by His power for- | ever;*
His eyes observe the nations; Do
not let the rebellious ex- | alt
themselves.
- 8 Oh, bless our God, you | peoples!*
- And make the voice of His
praise | to be heard,
- 9 Who keeps our soul among the |
living,*
and does not allow our feet | to
be moved.
- 10 For You, O God, have | tested us; *
You have refined us as silver | is
refined.
- 11 You brought us in- | to the net;*
You laid affliction | on our
backs.
- 12 You have caused men to ride o- |
ver our heads; *
We went through fire and
through water; But You brought
us out to rich ful- | fillment.
- 13 I will go into Your house with
burnt | offerings; *
I will pay | You my vows,
- 14 Which my lips have | uttered*
and my mouth has spoken when
I was in | trouble.

- 15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of
fat | animals,*
with the sweet aroma of rams; I
will offer | bulls with goats.
- 16 Come and hear, all you | who fear
God,*
and I will declare what He has
done | for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him | with my mouth,*
and He was extolled | with my
tongue.
- 18 If I regard iniquity | in my heart,*
the LORD | will not hear.
- 19 But certainly God has | heard
me;*
He has attended to the voice | of
my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God, who has not
turned a- | way my prayer,*
nor His mer- | cy from me!

Psalm 67



- 1 God be merciful to us and | bless
us,*
and cause His face to shine up- |
on us,
- 2 That Your way may be | known
on earth,*
your salvation among all |
nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise You, | O
God;*
Let all the peoples | praise You.
- 4 Oh, let the nations be glad and
sing for joy! For You shall judge
the people | righteously,*
and govern the na- | tions on
earth.

- 5 Let the peoples praise You, | O
God;*
Let all the peoples | praise You.
- 6 Then the earth shall yield her |
increase;*
God, our own God, shall | bless
us.
- 7 God shall | bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth
shall | fear Him.

Psalms 68



- 1 Let God arise, let His enemies be |
scattered;*
Let those also who hate Him flee
be- | fore Him.
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so
drive | them away;*
As wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the
pre- | sence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad; Let
them rejoice be- | fore God;*
Yes, let them rejoice ex- | ceed-
ingly.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises | to His
name;*
Extol Him who rides on the
clouds, by His name Yah, and
rejoice be- | fore Him.
- 5 A father of the fatherless, a
defender of | widows,*
is God in His holy habi- | tation.
- 6 God sets the solitary in fami-
lies; He brings out those who are
bound into pros- | perity;*
But the rebellious dwell in a |
dry land.
- 7 O God, when You went out before
Your | people,*
when You marched through
the | wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook; The heavens
also dropped rain at the pre- |
sence of God;*
Sinai itself was moved at the
presence of God, the God of |
Israel.
- 9 You, O God, sent a plentiful rain,
whereby You confirmed Your in- |
heritance,*
when it was | weary.
- 10 Your congregation | dwelt in it;*
You, O God, provided from Your
goodness | for the poor.
- 11 The LORD | gave the word;*
Great was the company of those
who pro- | claimed it:
- 12 "Kings of | armies flee,*
they flee, and she who remains
at home di- | vides the spoil.
- 13 Though you lie down among the |
sheepfolds,*
You will be like the wings of a
dove covered with silver, and her
feathers with | yellow gold."
- 14 When the Almighty scattered |
kings in it,*
It was white as snow in |
Zalmon.
- 15 A mountain of God is the moun-
tain | of Bashan;*
A mountain of many peaks is
the mountain | of Bashan.
- 16 Why do you fume with envy, you
mountains of | many peaks?*
- This is the mountain which
God desires to dwell in; Yes, the
LORD will dwell in it for- | ever.

- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of | thousands;*
The LORD is among them as in Sinai, in the | Holy Place.
- 18 You have ascended on high, You have led captivity | captive;*
You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the LORD God might | dwell there.
- 19 Blessed be the LORD, Who daily loads us with | benefits,*
the God of our sal- | vation!
- 20 Our God is the God of sal- | vation;*
And to God the LORD belong es- | capes from death.
- 21 But God will wound the head of His | enemies,*
The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his | trespasses.
- 22 The LORD said, "I will bring back from | Bashan,*
I will bring them back from the depths | of the sea,
- 23 That your foot may crush | them in blood,*
and the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your | enemies."
- 24 They have seen Your procession, | O God,*
the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctu- | ary.
- 25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed | after;*
Among them were the maidens playing | timbrels.
- 26 Bless God in the conger- | gations,*
the LORD, from the fountain of | Israel.
- 27 There is little Benjamin, their leader, the princes of Judah and their | company,*
the princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naph- | tali.
- 28 Your God has commanded | your strength,*
Strengthen, O God, what You have | done for us.
- 29 Because of Your temple at Je- | rusalem,*
kings will bring pre- | sents to You.
- 30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples, till everyone submits himself with pieces of | silver.*
Scatter the peoples who de- | light in war.
- 31 Envoys will come out of | Egypt;*
Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her | hands to God.
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms | of the earth;*
Oh, sing praises | to the LORD,
- 33 To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which | were of old!*
Indeed, He sends out His voice, a | mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe | strength to God;*
His excellence is over Israel, and His strength is | in the clouds.
- 35 O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His | people.*
Blessed | be God!

Psalm 69



- 9 Because zeal for Your house has
eat- | en me up,*
and the reproaches of those who
reproach You have fallen | on
me.
- 10 When I wept and chastened my
soul with | fasting,*
that became | my reproach.
- 11 I also made sackcloth my |
garment;*
I became a byword | to them.
- 12 Those who sit in the gate speak
a- | gainst me,*
and I am the song of the |
drunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is to You,
O LORD, in the accept- | able
time;*
O God, in the multitude of Your
mercy, hear me in the truth of
Your sal- | vation.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and
let | me not sink;*
Let me be delivered from those
who hate me, and out of the
deep | waters.
- 15 Let not the floodwater overflow
me, nor let the deep swal- | low
me up;*
And let not the pit shut its |
mouth on me.
- 16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your loving-
kind- | ness is good;*
turn to me according to the
multitude of Your tender |
mercies.
- 17 And do not hide Your face from
Your | servant,*
for I am in trouble; Hear me |
speedily.

- 18 Draw near to my soul, and re- | deem it;*
Deliver me because of my | enemies.
- 19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dis- | honor;*
My adversaries are all be- | fore You.
- 20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of | heaviness;*
I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I | found none.
- 21 They also gave me gall | for my food,*
and for my thirst they gave me vine- | gar to drink.
- 22 Let their table become a snare be- | fore them,*
and their well-be- | ing a trap.
- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they | do not see;*
and make their loins shake con- | tinually.
- 24 Pour out Your indignation up- | on them,*
and let Your wrathful anger take | hold of them.
- 25 Let their dwelling place be | desolate;*
Let no one live | in their tents.
- 26 For they persecute the ones | You have struck,*
and talk of the grief of those You have | wounded.
- 27 Add iniquity to their in- | iquity,*
and let them not come into Your | righteousness.
- 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the | living,*
and not be written with the | righteous.
- 29 But I am poor and | sorrowful;*
Let Your salvation, O God, set me | up on high.
- 30 I will praise the name of God | with a song,*
and will magnify Him with thanks- | giving.
- 31 This also shall please the LORD better than an | ox or bull,*
which has | horns and hooves.
- 32 The humble shall see this | and be glad;*
And you who seek God, your | hearts shall live.
- 33 For the LORD | hears the poor,*
and does not despise His | prisoners.
- 34 Let heaven and earth | praise Him,*
The seas and everything that | moves in them.
- 35 For God will save Zion and build the cities of | Judah,*
that they may dwell there and possess it.
- 36 Also, the descendants of His servants shall in- | herit it,*
and those who love His name shall | dwell in it.

Day 13, evening

Psalm 70



- 1 Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*
- Make haste to help me, | O LORD!
- 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded who | seek my life;*
- Let them be turned back and confused who de- | sire my hurt.
- 3 Let them be turned back because | of their shame,*
- who say, "A- | ha, aha!"
- 4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be | glad in You;*
- And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be | magnified!"
- 5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, | O God!*
- You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do | not delay.

Psalm 71



- 1 In You, O LORD, I | put my trust;*
- Let me never be | put to shame.
- 2 Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me | to escape;*
- Incline Your ear to me, and | save me.
- 3 Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort con- | tinually;*
- You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my | fortress.

- 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the | wicked,*
- out of the hand of the unrighteous and | cruel man.
- 5 For You are my hope, | O LORD God;*
- You are my trust | from my youth.
- 6 By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my | mother's womb.*
- My praise shall be continual- | ly of You.
- 7 I have become as a wonder to | many,*
- but You are my strong | refuge.
- 8 Let my mouth be filled | with Your praise*
- and with Your glory | all the day.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the time of | old age;*
- Do not forsake me when my | strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies speak a- | gainst me;*
- And those who lie in wait for my life take counsel to- | gether,
- 11 Saying, "God has for- | saken him;*
- Pursue and take him, for there is none to de- | liver him."
- 12 O God, do not be | far from me;*
- O my God, make haste to | help me!
- 13 Let them be confounded and consumed who are adversaries | of my life;*
- Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor who | seek my hurt.

- 14 But I will hope con- | tinually,*
and will praise You yet | more
and more.
- 15 My mouth shall tell of Your righ-
teousness and Your salvation | all
the day,*
For I do not know their | limits.
- 16 I will go in the strength of the |
LORD God;*
I will make mention of Your
righteousness, of Yours | only.
- 17 O God, You have taught me |
from my youth;*
And to this day I declare Your |
wondrous works.
- 18 Now also when I am old and gray-
headed, O God, do not for- | sake
me,*
until I declare Your strength to
this generation, Your power to
everyone who | is to come.
- 19 Also Your righteousness, O God,
is | very high,*
You who have done great things;
O God, who is | like You?
- 20 You, who have shown me great
and severe troubles, shall revive |
me again,*
and bring me up again from the
depths | of the earth.
- 21 You shall increase my | great-
ness,*
and comfort me on | every side.
- 22 Also with the lute I will praise
You—and Your faithfulness, | O
my God!*
To You I will sing with the harp,
O Holy One of | Israel.
- 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when
I | sing to You,*
and my soul, which You | have
redeemed.

- 24 My tongue also shall talk of Your
righteousness all the | day long;*
For they are confounded, for
they are brought to shame who |
seek my hurt.

Psalm 72



- 1 Give the king Your judgments, |
O God,*
and Your righteousness to the |
king's Son.
- 2 He will judge Your people with |
righteousness,*
and Your poor with | justice.
- 3 The mountains will bring peace to
the | people,*
and the little hills, by | righ-
teousness.
- 4 He will bring justice to the poor of
the | people;*
He will save the children of the
needy, and will break in pieces
the op- | pressor.
- 5 They shall fear You as long as the
sun and | moon endure,*
throughout all gene- | rations.
- 6 He shall come down like rain
upon the grass before | mowing,*
like showers that wa- | ter the
earth.
- 7 In His days the righteous shall |
flourish,*
and abundance of peace, until
the moon | is no more.
- 8 He shall have dominion also
from | sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends |
of the earth.

- 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness
will bow be- | fore Him,*
and His enemies will | lick the
dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the
isles will bring | presents;*
The kings of Sheba and Seba
will | offer gifts.
- 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down be- |
fore Him;*
All nations shall | serve Him.
- 12 For He will deliver the needy |
when he cries,*
the poor also, and him who has
no | helper.
- 13 He will spare the poor and |
needy,*
and will save the souls of the |
needy.
- 14 He will redeem their life from
oppression and | violence;*
and precious shall be their
blood | in His sight.
- 15 And He shall live; And the gold of
Sheba will be giv- | en to Him;*
Prayer also will be made for Him
continually, and daily He | shall
be praised.
- 16 There will be an abundance of
grain in the earth, on the top of
the | mountains;*
Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;
And those of the city shall flour-
ish like grass | of the earth.
- 17 His name shall endure forever; His
name shall continue as long | as
the sun.*
And men shall be blessed in
Him; All nations shall | call Him
blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God
of | Israel,*
who only does | wondrous
things!
- 19 And blessed be His glorious name
for- | ever!*
And let the whole earth be filled
with His glory. Amen and |
Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of |
Jesse*
are | ended.

Day 14, morning

Psalms 73

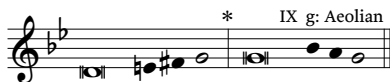


- 1 Truly God is good to | Israel,*
to such as are | pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had
almost | stumbled;*
My steps had | nearly slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the | boast-
ful,*
when I saw the prosperity of
the | wicked.
- 4 For there are no pangs | in their
death,*
but their | strength is firm.
- 5 They are not in trouble as | other
men,*
nor are they plagued like | other
men.
- 6 Therefore pride serves as their |
necklace;*
Violence covers them like a |
garment.

- 7 Their eyes bulge with a- |
bundance;*
They have more than | heart
could wish.
- 8 They scoff and speak wickedly
concerning op- | pression;*
They speak | loftily.
- 9 They set their mouth against the |
heavens,*
And their tongue walks |
through the earth.
- 10 Therefore his people re- | turn
here,*
and waters of a full cup are |
drained by them.
- 11 And they say, "How | does God
know?*"
And is there knowledge in the |
Most High?"
- 12 Behold, these are the ungodly,
who are al- | ways at ease;*
They increase in | riches.
- 13 Surely I have cleansed my | heart
in vain,*
And washed my hands in |
innocence.
- 14 For all day long I | have been
plagued,*
and chastened every | morning.
- 15 If I had said, "I will | speak
thus,"*
Behold, I would have been
untrue to the generation of
Your | children.
- 16 When I thought how to under- |
stand this,*
It was too pain- | ful for me—
- 17 Until I went into the sanctuary |
of God;*
Then I under- | stood their end.
- 18 Surely You set them in slippery |
places;*
You cast them down to de- |
struction.
- 19 Oh, how they are brought to deso-
lation, as in a | moment!*"
They are utterly consumed
with | terrors.
- 20 As a dream when one awakes, so,
LORD, when | You awake,*
You shall despise their | image.
- 21 Thus my | heart was grieved,*
And I was vexed | in my mind.
- 22 I was so foolish and | ignorant;*
I was like a beast be- | fore You.
- 23 Nevertheless I am continually |
with You;*
You hold me by my | right hand.
- 24 You will guide me with Your |
counsel,*
and afterward receive me to |
glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heav- | en but
You?*"
And there is none upon earth
that I desire be- | sides You.
- 26 My flesh and my | heart fail;*
But God is the strength of my
heart and my portion for- | ever.
- 27 For indeed, those who are far from
You shall | perish;*
You have destroyed all those
who desert You for | harlotry.
- 28 But it is good for me to draw |
near to God,*
I have put my trust in the LORD
God, that I may declare | all
Your works.

Day 14, evening

Psalm 74



- 1 O God, why have You cast us off
for- | ever?*

Why does Your anger smoke
against the sheep of Your |
pasture?

- 2 Remember Your congregation,
which You have purchased of
old, the tribe of Your inheritance,
which You | have redeemed—*
This Mount Zion where | You
have dwelt.

- 3 Lift up Your feet to the perpetual
deso- | lations.*
The enemy has damaged every-
thing in the sanctu- | ary.

- 4 Your enemies roar in the midst of
Your | meeting place;*
They set up their banners | for
signs.

- 5 They seem like men who lift up
axes among the | thick trees.*

- 6 And now they break down its
carved work, all at once, with
axes and | hammers.

- 7 They have set fire to Your
sanctu- | ary;*
They have defiled the dwell-
ing place of Your name | to the
ground.

- 8 They said in their hearts, "Let us
destroy them alto- | gether."*
They have burned up all the
meeting places of God | in the
land.

- 9 We do not see our signs; There is
no longer any | prophet;*
Nor is there any among us who |
knows how long.

- 10 O God, how long will the
adversa- | ry reproach?*
- Will the enemy blaspheme Your
name for- | ever?

- 11 Why do You withdraw Your hand,
even Your | right hand?*
- Take it out of Your bosom and
de- | stroy them.

- 12 For God is my King | from of old,*
working salvation in the midst |
of the earth.

- 13 You divided the sea | by Your
strength,*
You broke the heads of the sea
serpents in the | waters.

- 14 You broke the heads of Leviathan
in | pieces,*
And gave him as food to the
people inhabiting the | wilder-
ness.

- 15 You broke open the fountain | and
the flood;*
You dried up mighty | rivers.

- 16 The day is Yours, the night al- | so
is Yours;*
You have prepared the light |
and the sun.

- 17 You have set all the borders | of
the earth;*
You have made summer and |
winter.

- 18 Remember this, that the enemy
has reproached, | O LORD,*
and that a foolish people has
blas- | phemed Your name.

19 Oh, do not deliver the life of Your
turtledove to the | wild beast!*

Do not forget the life of Your
poor for- | ever.

20 Have respect to the | covenant;*

For the dark places of the earth
are full of the haunts of |
cruelty.

21 Oh, do not let the oppressed re- |
turn ashamed!*

Let the poor and needy | praise
Your name.

22 Arise, O God, plead Your | own
cause;*

Remember how the foolish man
reproaches You | daily.

23 Do not forget the voice of Your |
enemies;*

The tumult of those who rise
up against You increases con- |
tinually.

Psalm 75



1 We give thanks to You, O God,
we | give thanks!*

For Your wondrous works
declare that Your | name is near.

2 "When I choose the | proper
time, *

I will judge up- | rightly.

3 The earth and all its inhabitants |
are dissolved;*

I set up its pillars | firmly.

4 "I said to the boastful, 'Do not
deal | boastfully,'*

and to the wicked, 'Do not lift |
up the horn.

5 Do not lift up your | horn on
high;*

Do not speak with a | stiff neck.' "

6 For exaltation comes neither from
the east nor | from the west*

nor | from the south.

7 But God | is the Judge:*

He puts down one, and exalts
a- | nother.

8 For in the hand of the LORD there
is a cup, and the wine is red; It
is fully mixed, and He | pours it
out;*

Surely its dregs shall all the
wicked of the earth drain and |
drink down.

9 But I will declare for- | ever, *

I will sing praises to the God of |
Jacob.

10 "All the horns of the wicked I will
also | cut off, *

but the horns of the righteous
shall be ex- | alted."

Psalm 76



1 In Judah | God is known;*

His name is great in | Israel.

2 In Salem also is His taber- |
nacle, *

and His dwelling place in | Zion.

3 There He broke the arrows | of the
bow, *

the shield and sword of | battle.

4 You are more glorious and | excel-
lent*

than the moun- | tains of prey.

- 5 The stouthearted were plundered;
They have sunk in- | to their
sleep;*

And none of the mighty men
have found the use | of their
hands.

- 6 At Your rebuke, O God of | Jacob;*
both the chariot and horse were
cast into a | dead sleep.

- 7 You, Yourself, are | to be feared;*
And who may stand in Your
presence when once You are |
angry?

- 8 You caused judgment to be heard
from heaven; The earth feared |
and was still;*

- 9 When God arose to judgment, to
deliver all the oppressed | of the
earth.

- 10 Surely the wrath of man shall |
praise You;*
With the remainder of wrath
You shall | gird Yourself.

- 11 Make vows to the LORD your God,
and | pay them;*

Let all who are around Him
bring presents to Him who
ought | to be feared.

- 12 He shall cut off the spirit of |
princes;*

He is awesome to the kings | of
the earth.

Day 15, morning

Psalm 77



- 1 I cried out to God with my voice—
to God | with my voice;*
And He gave | ear to me.

- 2 In the day of my trouble I | sought
the LORD;*
My hand was stretched out in
the night without ceasing; My
soul refused to be | comforted.

- 3 I remembered God, and was |
troubled;*
I complained, and my spirit
was | overwhelmed.

- 4 You hold my eyelids | open;*
I am so troubled that I | cannot
speak.

- 5 I have considered the | days of
old,*
the years of | ancient times.

- 6 I call to remembrance my song |
in the night;*
I meditate within my heart,
and my spirit makes dil- | igent
search.

- 7 Will the LORD cast off for- | ever?*

And will He be favorable | no
more?

- 8 Has His mercy ceased for- | ever?*

Has His promise failed for- |
evermore?

- 9 Has God forgotten to be |
gracious?*

Has He in anger shut up His
tender | mercies?

- 10 And I said, "This is my |
anguish;*" *But I will remember the years
of the right hand of the | Most
High."*
- 11 I will remember the works | of the
LORD;*" *Surely I will remember Your
won- | ders of old.*
- 12 I will also meditate on | all Your
work,* *and talk | of Your deeds.*
- 13 Your way, O God, is in the
sanctu- | ary;*" *Who is so great a God | as our
God?*
- 14 You are the God who does |
wonders;*" *You have declared Your strength
among the | peoples.*
- 15 You have with Your arm redeemed
Your | people,* *the sons of Jacob and | Joseph.*
- 16 The waters saw You, O God;
The waters saw You, they | were
afraid;*" *The depths also | trembled.*
- 17 The clouds poured out water; The
skies sent | out a sound;*" *Your arrows also | flashed
about.*
- 18 The voice of Your thunder was in
the | whirlwind;*" *The lightnings lit up the world;
The earth trem- | bled and
shook.*
- 19 Your way was in the sea, Your path
in the great | waters,* *and Your footsteps | were not
known.*

- 20 You led Your people | like a flock*
by the hand of Moses and |
Aaron.

Day 15, evening

Psalm 78



- 1 Give ear, O my people, | to my
law;*" *Incline your ears to the words |
of my mouth.*
- 2 I will open my mouth in a | para-
ble;*" *I will utter dark say- | ings of
old,*
- 3 Which we have | heard and
known,* *and our fathers have | told us.*
- 4 We will not hide them from their
children, telling to the genera-
tion to come the praises | of the
LORD,* *and His strength and His
wonderful works that | He has
done.*
- 5 For He established a testimony in
Jacob, and appointed a law in |
Israel,* *Which He commanded our
fathers, that they should make
them known to their | children;*
- 6 That the generation to come
might | know them,* *the children who would be born,
that they may arise and declare
them to their | children,*

- 7 That they may set their | hope in
God,*
and not forget the works of God,
but keep His com- | mand-
ments;
- 8 And may not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious gene- |
ration,*
a generation that did not set its
heart aright, and whose spirit
was not faith- | ful to God.
- 9 The children of Ephraim, being
armed and | carrying bows,*
turned back in the day of |
battle.
- 10 They did not keep the covenant
of God; They refused to walk | in
His law,*
and forgot His works and His
wonders that He had | shown
them.
- 12 Marvelous things He did in the
sight of their | fathers,*
in the land of Egypt, in the field
of | Zoan.
- 13 He divided the sea and caused
them to | pass through;*
And He made the waters stand
up | like a heap.
- 14 In the daytime also He led them |
with the cloud,*
and all the night with a | light
of fire.
- 15 He split the rocks in the | wilder-
ness,*
and gave them drink in abun-
dance | like the depths.
- 16 He also brought streams out | of
the rock,*
and caused waters to run down
like | rivers.
- 17 But they sinned even more a- |
gainst Him*
by rebelling against the Most
High in the | wilderness.
- 18 And they tested God | in their
heart*
by asking for the food of their |
fancy.
- 19 Yes, they spoke a- | gainst God:*
They said, "Can God prepare a
table in the | wilderness?"
- 20 Behold, He struck the rock, so that
the waters gushed out, and the
streams | overflowed.*
Can He give bread also? Can He
provide meat for His | people?"
- 21 Therefore the LORD heard this and
was | furious;*
So a fire was kindled against
Jacob, and anger also came up
against | Israel,
- 22 Because they did not be- | lieve in
God,*
and did not trust in His sal- |
vation.
- 23 Yet He had commanded the |
clouds above,*
and opened the doors of |
heaven,
- 24 Had rained down manna on |
them to eat,*
and given them of the bread of |
heaven.
- 25 Men ate | angels' food;*
He sent them food | to the full.
- 26 He caused an east wind to blow in
the | heavens;
And by His power He brought in
the | south wind.

- 27 He also rained meat on them | like
the dust,*
feathered fowl like the sand | of
the seas;
- 28 And He let them fall in the midst |
of their camp,*
all around their | dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and | were well filled,*
for He gave them their | own
desire.
- 30 They were not deprived of their
craving; But while their food was
still | in their mouths,*
- 31 the wrath of God came against
them, and slew the stoutest
of them, and struck down the
choice men of | Israel.
- 32 In spite of this they | still sinned,*
and did not believe in His |
wondrous works.
- 33 Therefore their days He consumed
in fu- | tility,*
and their | years in fear.
- 34 When He slew them, then they |
sought Him;*,
And they returned and sought
earnestly | for God.
- 35 Then they remembered that God |
was their rock,*
and the Most High God their
Re- | deemer.
- 36 Nevertheless they flattered Him |
with their mouth,*
and they lied to Him | with their
tongue;
- 37 For their heart was not steadfast |
with Him,*
nor were they faithful in His |
covenant.
- 38 But He, being full of compassion,
forgave their iniquity, and did not
de- | stroy them.*
Yes, many a time He turned His
anger away, and did not stir up |
all His wrath;
- 39 For He remembered that they |
were but flesh,*
a breath that passes away and
does not | come again.
- 40 How often they provoked Him in
the | wilderness,*
and grieved Him in the | desert!
- 41 Yes, again and again they |
tempted God,*
and limited the Holy One of |
Israel.
- 42 They did not remember His |
power:*,
The day when He redeemed
them from the | enemy,
- 43 When He worked His signs in |
Egypt,*
and His wonders in the field of |
Zoan;
- 44 Turned their rivers | into blood,*
and their streams, that they |
could not drink.
- 45 He sent swarms of flies among
them, which de- | voured them,*
And frogs, which de- | stroyed
them.
- 46 He also gave their crops to the
caterpillar, and their labor to the |
locust.*
- 47 He destroyed their vines with
hail, and their sycamore trees |
with frost.
- 48 He also gave up their cattle | to
the hail,*
and their flocks to fiery | light-
ning.

- 49 He cast on them the fierceness
of His anger, wrath, indignation,
and | trouble,*
by sending angels of destruction
a- | mong them.
- 50 He made a path for His | anger;*
He did not spare their soul from
death, but gave their life over |
to the plague,
- 51 And destroyed all the firstborn
in | Egypt,*
the first of their strength in the |
tents of Ham.
- 52 But He made His own people go |
forth like sheep,*
and guided them in the wilder-
ness | like a flock;
- 53 And He led them on safely, so that
they | did not fear;*
But the sea overwhelmed their |
enemies.
- 54 And He brought them to His
holy | border,*
this mountain which His right
hand | had acquired.
- 55 He also drove out the nations be- |
fore them,*
allotted them an inheritance by
survey, and made the tribes of
Israel dwell | in their tents.
- 56 Yet they tested and provoked the |
Most High God,*
and did not keep His testi- |
monies,
- 57 but turned back and acted
unfaithfully like their | fathers;
They were turned aside like a
de- | ceitful bow.
- 58 For they provoked Him to anger
with their high | places,*
and moved Him to jealousy with
their carved | images.
- 59 When God heard this, He was
furious, and greatly abhorred |
Israel,*
- 60 So that He forsook the taberna-
cle of Shiloh, the tent He had
placed a- | mong men,
- 61 And delivered His strength into
cap- | tivity,*
And His glory into the en- |
emy's hand.
- 62 He also gave His people over | to
the sword,*
and was furious with His in- |
heritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their | young
men,*
and their maidens were not
given in | marriage.
- 64 Their priests fell | by the sword,*
and their widows made no
lamen- | tation.
- 65 Then the LORD awoke as from
sleep, like a mighty man who
shouts be- | cause of wine.*
- 66 And He beat back His enemies;
He put them to a perpetu- | al
reproach.
- 67 Moreover He rejected the tent of |
Joseph,*
and did not choose the tribe of |
Ephraim,
- 68 But chose the tribe of | Judah,*
Mount Zion | which He loved.
- 69 And He built His sanctuary | like
the heights,*
like the earth which He has
established for- | ever.
- 70 He also chose David His |
servant,*
and took him from the | sheep-
folds;

71 From following the ewes that had
young He | brought him,*
to shepherd Jacob His people,
and Israel His in- | heritance.

72 So he shepherded them according
to the integrity | of his heart,*
and guided them by the skillful-
ness | of his hands.

Day 16, morning

Psalm 79



1 O God, the nations have come
into Your in- | heritance,*
Your holy temple they have
defiled; They have laid Jerusa- |
lem in heaps.

2 The dead bodies of Your servants
they have given as food for the
birds of the | heavens,*
the flesh of Your saints to the
beasts | of the earth.

3 Their blood they have shed like
water all around Je- | rusalem,*
and there was no one to | bury
them.

4 We have become a reproach to
our | neighbors,*
A scorn and derision to those
who are a- | round us.

5 How long, LORD? Will You be
angry for- | ever?*

Will Your jealousy | burn like
fire?

6 Pour out Your wrath on the
nations that do not | know You,*
and on the kingdoms that do not
call | on Your name.

7 For they have devoured | Jacob,*
and laid waste his | dwelling
place.

8 Oh, do not remember former iniq-
uities a- | gainst us!*

Let Your tender mercies come
speedily to meet us, for we have
been brought | very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation,-
For the glory | of Your name;*

And deliver us, and provide
atonement for our sins, for
Your | name's sake!

10 Why should the nations say,
"Where | is their God?"*

Let there be known among the
nations in our sight the aveng-
ing of the blood of Your servants
which | has been shed.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoner
come be- | fore You;*

According to the greatness of
Your power preserve those who
are appoint- | ed to die;

12 And return to our neighbors
sevenfold into their | bosom*
their reproach with which they
have reproached You, | O LORD.

13 So we, Your people and sheep of
Your pasture, will give You thanks
for- | ever;*

We will show forth Your praise
to all gener- | ations.

Psalms 80



- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You
who lead Joseph | like a flock; *
You who dwell between the
cherubim, | shine forth!
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and
Man- | asseh, *
Stir up Your strength, and come
and | save us!
- 3 Restore us, | O God; *
Cause Your face to shine, and
we | shall be saved!
- 4 O LORD | God of hosts, *
how long will You be angry
against the prayer of Your |
people?
- 5 You have fed them with the |
bread of tears, *
and given them tears to drink in
great | measure.
- 6 You have made us a strife to our |
neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh a- |
mong themselves.
- 7 Restore us, O | God of hosts; *
Cause Your face to shine, and
we | shall be saved!
- 8 You have brought a vine out of |
Egypt; *
You have cast out the nations,
and | planted it.
- 9 You prepared room for it, and
caused it to take | deep root, *
and it | filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with its |
shadow, *
and the mighty cedars | with its
boughs.

- 11 She sent out her boughs | to the
Sea, *
and her branches to the | River.
- 12 Why have You broken down her |
hedges, *
So that all who pass by the way |
pluck her fruit?
- 13 The boar out of the woods up- |
roots it, *
and the wild beast of the field
de- | vours it.
- 14 Return, we beseech You, O | God
of hosts; *
Look down from heaven and see,
and vis- | it this vine,
- 15 and the vineyard which Your right
hand has | planted, *
and the branch that You made
strong | for Yourself.
- 16 It is burned with fire, it is | cut
down, *
They perish at the rebuke of
Your | countenance.
- 17 Let Your hand be upon the man of
Your | right hand, *
upon the son of man whom You
made strong | for Yourself.
- 18 Then we will not turn | back from
You; *
Revive us, and we will call up- |
on Your name.
- 19 Restore us, O LORD | God of
hosts; *
Cause Your face to shine, and
we | shall be saved!

Day 16, evening

Psalm 81



1 Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
Make a joyful shout to the God
of | Jacob.

2 Raise a song and strike the |
timbrel,*
the pleasant harp | with the lute.

3 Blow the trumpet at the time of
the | New Moon,*
at the full moon, on our
solemn | feast day.

4 For this is a statute for | Israel,*
a law of the God of | Jacob.

5 This He established in Joseph
as a testimony, when He went
throughout the land of | Egypt,*
where I heard a language I did
not | understand.

6 "I removed his shoulder from
the | burden;*
His hands were freed from the |
baskets.

7 You called in trouble, and I deliv-
ered you; I answered you in the
secret place of | thunder;*
I tested you at the waters
of | Meribah.

8 "Hear, O My people, and I will
ad- | monish you!*
O Israel, if you will lis- | ten to
Me!

9 There shall be no foreign god a- |
mong you;*
Nor shall you worship any |
foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who
brought you out of the land of |
Egypt;*

Open your mouth wide, and I
will | fill it.

11 "But My people would not | heed
My voice,*
and Israel would have | none
of Me.

12 So I gave them over to their own |
stubborn heart,*
to walk in their own | counsels.

13 "Oh, that My people would lis- |
ten to Me,*
that Israel would walk | in My
ways!

14 I would soon subdue their |
enemies,*
and turn My hand against their
adver- | saries.

15 The haters of the LORD would
pretend submis- | sion to Him,*
but their fate would endure
for- | ever.

16 He would have fed them also with
the fin- | est of wheat;*
And with honey from the rock I
would have satis- | fied you."

Psalm 82



1 God stands in the congregation of
the | mighty;*
He judges a- | mong the gods.

2 How long will you judge un- |
justly,*
and show partiality to the |
wicked?

- 3 Defend the poor and | fatherless;*
Do justice to the afflicted and |
needy.
- 4 Deliver the poor and | needy;*
Free them from the hand of the |
wicked.
- 5 They do not know, nor do they |
understand;*
They walk about in darkness;
All the foundations of the earth
are un- | stable.
- 6 I said, | "You are gods,*
and all of you are children of
the | Most High.
- 7 But you shall | die like men,*
and fall like one of the |
princes."
- 8 Arise, O God, | judge the earth;*
For You shall inherit all |
nations.
- 5 For they have consulted together
with | one consent;*
They form a confederacy a- |
gainst You:
- 6 The tents of Edom and the |
Ishmaelites;*
Moab and the | Hagrites;
- 7 Gebal, Ammon, and | Amalek;*
Philistia with the inhabi- | tants
of Tyre;
- 8 Assyria also has | joined with
them;*
They have helped the chil- |
dren of Lot.
- 9 Deal with them as with | Midian,*
as with Sisera, as with Jabin at
the Brook | Kishon,
- 10 Who perished at | En Dor,*
Who became as refuse | on the
earth.

Psalm 83



- 1 Do not keep silent, O God! Do
not | hold Your peace,*
and do not be still, | O God!
- 2 For behold, Your enemies make
a | tumult;*
And those who hate You have
lifted | up their head.
- 3 They have taken crafty counsel
against Your | people,*
and consulted together against
Your | sheltered ones.
- 4 They have said, "Come, and let
us cut them off from being a |
nation,*
that the name of Israel may be
remem- | bered no more."
- 11 Make their nobles like Oreb | and
like Zeeb,*
yes, all their princes like Zebah
and Zal- | munna,
- 12 Who said, "Let us take | for
ourselves*
the pastures of God for a pos- |
session."
- 13 O my God, make them like the |
whirling dust,*
like the chaff be- | fore the
wind!
- 14 As the fire | burns the woods,*
and as the flame sets the
moun- | tains on fire,
- 15 so pursue them with Your |
tempest,*
and frighten them | with Your
storm.

- 16 Fill their fa- | ces with shame,*
that they may seek Your name, |
O LORD.
- 17 Let them be confounded and
dismayed for- | ever;*
Yes, let them be put to shame
and | perish,
- 18 That they may know that You,
whose name alone | is the LORD,*
are the Most High over | all the
earth.

Day 17, morning

Psalm 84



- 1 How lovely is Your taber- | nacle,*
O | LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints for
the courts | of the LORD;*
My heart and my flesh cry out
for the | living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow has found a
home, and the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may | lay her
young—*
even Your altars, O LORD of
hosts, my King | and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell | in
Your house;*
They will still be | praising You.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength
is | in You,*
whose heart is set on | pilgrim-
age.
- 6 As they pass through the Valley of
Baca, they make | it a spring;*
The rain also covers | it with
pools.

- 7 They go from | strength to
strength;*
Each one appears before God
in | Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, | hear my
prayer;*
Give ear, O God of | Jacob!
- 9 O God, be- | hold our shield,*
and look upon the face of You're
a- | nointed.
- 10 For a day in Your courts is better
than a | thousand.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in
the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of | wickedness.

- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and
shield; The LORD will give grace
and | glory;*
No good thing will He with-
hold from those who walk up- |
rightly.
- 12 O | LORD of hosts,*
blessed is the man who | trusts
in You!

Psalm 85



- 1 LORD, You have been favorable |
to Your land;*
You have brought back the
captivity of | Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of
Your | people;*
You have covered | all their sin.
- 3 You have taken away | all Your
wrath;*
You have turned from the fierce-
ness of Your | anger.

- 4 Restore us, O God of our sal- |
vation,*
and cause Your anger toward |
us to cease.
- 5 Will You be angry with us for- |
ever?*
- Will You prolong Your anger to
all gene- | rations?
- 6 Will You not revive | us again,*
that Your people may re- | joice
in You?
- 7 Show us Your | mercy, LORD,*
and grant us Your sal- | vation.
- 8 I will hear what God the LORD
will speak, for He will speak peace
to His people and | to His saints;*
- But let them not turn back to |
folly.
- 9 Surely His salvation is near to
those who | fear Him,*
that glory may dwell | in our
land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to- |
gether;*
- Righteousness and | peace have
kissed.
- 11 Truth shall spring out | of the
earth,*
and righteousness shall look
down from | heaven.
- 12 Yes, the LORD will give | what is
good;*
- And our land will yield its |
increase.
- 13 Righteousness will go be- | fore
Him,*
and shall make His footsteps
our | pathway.

Day 17, evening

Psalm 86



- 1 Bow down Your ear, O LORD, |
hear me;*
- For I am poor and | needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am holy;
You | are my God;*
- Save Your servant who | trusts
in You!
- 3 Be merciful to me, | O LORD,*
For I cry to You | all day long.
- 4 Rejoice the soul of Your |
servant,*
for to You, O LORD, I lift | up
my soul.
- 5 For You, LORD, are good, and
ready | to forgive,*
and abundant in mercy to all
those who call up- | on You.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
- And attend to the voice of my
suppli- | cations.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I will call
up- | on You,*
for You will | answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like
You, | O LORD;*
- Nor are there any works | like
Your works.
- 9 All nations whom You have made
shall come and worship before
You, | O LORD,*
and shall glori- | fy Your name.
- 10 For You are great, and do |
wondrous things;*
- You a- | lone are God.

- 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I
will walk | in Your truth;*
Unite my heart to | fear Your
name.
- 12 I will praise You, O LORD my God,
with | all my heart,*
and I will glorify Your name
for- | evermore.
- 13 For great is Your mercy | toward
me,*
and You have delivered my soul
from the depths of | Sheol.
- 14 O God, the proud have risen
against me, and a mob of violent
men have | sought my life,*
and have not set You be- | fore
them.
- 15 But You, O LORD, are a God full of
compassion, and | gracious,*
longsuffering and abundant in
mer- | cy and truth.
- 16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy
on me! Give Your strength to
Your | servant,*
and save the son of Your maid- |
servant.
- 17 Show me a sign for good, that
those who hate me may see it
and | be ashamed,*
because You, LORD, have helped
me and com- | forted me.

Psalm 87



- 1 His foundation is in the holy |
mountains.*
- 2 The LORD loves the gates of
Zion more than all the dwellings
of | Jacob.

- 3 Glorious things are spo- | ken of
you,*
O cit- | y of God!
- 4 "I will make mention of Rahab
and Babylon to those who | know
Me;*
Behold, O Philistia and Tyre,
with Ethiopia: 'This one was |
born there.' "
- 5 And of Zion it | will be said,*
"This one and that one were
born in her; And the Most High
Himself shall e- | stablish her."
- 6 The LORD will record, when He
registers the | peoples:*
"This one was | born there."
- 7 Both the singers and the players
on in- | struments say,*
"All my springs are | in you."

Psalm 88



- 1 O LORD, God of my sal- | vation,*
I have cried out day and night
be- | fore You.
- 2 Let my prayer come be- | fore
You;*
Incline Your ear | to my cry.
- 3 For my soul is full of | troubles,*
and my life draws near | to the
grave.
- 4 I am counted with those who go
down | to the pit;*
I am like a man who | has no
strength,
- 5 Adrift among the dead, like the
slain who lie | in the grave,*
whom You remember no more,
and who are cut off | from Your
hand.

- 6 You have laid me in the | lowest
pit,*
in darkness, | in the depths.
- 7 Your wrath lies heavy up- | on
me,*
and You have afflicted me with |
all Your waves.
- 8 You have put away my acquaint-
ances | far from me;*
You have made me an abomina-
tion to them; I am shut up, and I
can- | not get out;
- 9 My eye wastes away because of
af- | fliction.*
LORD, I have called daily upon
You; I have stretched out my |
hands to You.
- 10 Will You work wonders | for the
dead?*
- Shall the dead arise and | praise
You?
- 11 Shall Your lovingkindness be
declared | in the grave?*
- Or Your faithfulness in the place
of de- | struction?
- 12 Shall Your wonders be known | in
the dark?*
- And Your righteousness in the
land of for- | getfulness?
- 13 But to You I have cried out, | O
LORD,*
and in the morning my prayer
comes be- | fore You.
- 14 LORD, why do You cast | off my
soul?*
- Why do You hide Your | face
from me?
- 15 I have been afflicted and ready to
die | from my youth;*
- I suffer Your terrors; I | am
distracted.

- 16 Your fierce wrath has gone | over
me;*
- Your terrors have | cut me off.
- 17 They came around me all day long
like | water;*
- They engulfed me alto- | gether.
- 18 Loved one and friend You have
put | far from me,*
and my acquaintances into |
darkness.

Day 18, morning

Psalm 89



- 1 I will sing of the mercies of the
LORD for- | ever;*
- With my mouth will I make
known Your faithfulness to all
gener- | ations.
- 2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be
built up for- | ever;*
- Your faithfulness You shall
establish in the very | heavens."
- 3 "I have made a covenant with
My | chosen,*
I have sworn to My servant |
David:
- 4 'Your seed I will establish for- |
ever,*
and build up your throne to all
gener- | ations.' "
- 5 And the heavens will praise Your
wonders, | O LORD;*
- Your faithfulness also in the
assembly | of the saints.

- 6 For who in the heavens can be
compared | to the LORD?*
- Who among the sons of the
mighty can be likened | to the
LORD?
- 7 God is greatly to be feared in the
assembly | of the saints,*
and to be held in reverence by all
those a- | round Him.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, who is
mighty like You, | O LORD?*
- Your faithfulness also sur- |
rounds You.
- 9 You rule the raging | of the sea;*
- When its waves rise, You | still
them.
- 10 You have broken Rahab in pieces,
as one | who is slain;*
- You have scattered Your enemies
with Your | mighty arm.
- 11 The heavens are Yours, the earth
al- | so is Yours;*
- The world and all its fullness,
You have | founded them.
- 12 The north and the south, You
have cre- | ated them;*
- Tabor and Hermon rejoice | in
Your name.
- 13 You have a | mighty arm;*
- Strong is Your hand, and high is
Your | right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the
foundation | of Your throne;*
- Mercy and truth go be- | fore
Your face.
- 15 Blessed are the people who know
the | joyful sound!*
- They walk, O LORD, in the light
of Your | countenance.
- 16 In Your name they rejoice | all day
long,*
and in Your righteousness they
are ex- | alted.
- 17 For You are the glory | of their
strength,*
and in Your favor our horn is
ex- | alted.
- 18 For our shield belongs | to the
LORD,*
and our king to the Holy One
of | Israel.
- 19 Then You spoke in a vision to
Your | holy one,*
And said: "I have given help
to one who is mighty; I have
exalted one chosen from the |
people.
- 20 I have found My servant | David;*
- With My holy oil I have a- |
nointed him,
- 21 With whom My hand shall be e- |
stablished;*
- Also My arm shall | strengthen
him.
- 22 The enemy shall not out- | wit
him,*
Nor the son of wickedness af- |
flict him.
- 23 I will beat down his foes be- | fore
his face,*
and plague those who | hate
him.
- 24 "But My faithfulness and My
mercy shall | be with him,*
and in My name his horn shall
be ex- | alted.
- 25 Also I will set his hand o- | ver the
sea,*
and his right hand over the |
rivers.

- 26 He shall cry to Me, 'You are my |
Father,*
My God, and the rock of my
sal- | vation.'
- 27 Also I will make him My | first-
born,*
The highest of the kings | of the
earth.
- 28 My mercy I will keep for him
for- | ever,*
and My covenant shall stand |
firm with him.
- 29 His seed also I will make to endure
for- | ever,*
and his throne as the days of |
heaven.
- 30 "If his sons for- | sake My law*
and do not walk in My | judg-
ments,
- 31 If they break My | statutes*
and do not keep My com- |
mandments,
- 32 Then I will punish their transgres-
sion | with the rod,*
and their iniqui- | ty with
stripes.
- 33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I
will not utterly | take from him,*
nor allow My faithful- | ness to
fail.
- 34 My covenant I | will not break,*
nor alter the word that has gone
out | of My lips.
- 35 Once I have sworn by My | holi-
ness;*,
I will not lie to | David:
- 36 His seed shall endure for- | ever,*
and his throne as the sun be- |
fore Me;
- 37 It shall be established forever |
like the moon,*
Even like the faithful witness |
in the sky."
- 38 But You have cast off | and
abhorred,*
You have been furious with
You're a- | nointed.
- 39 You have renounced the covenant
of Your | servant;*,
You have profaned his crown by
casting it | to the ground.
- 40 You have broken down all his |
hedges;*,
You have brought his strong-
holds to | ruin.
- 41 All who pass by the way | plunder
him;*,
He is a reproach to his | neigh-
bors.
- 42 You have exalted the right hand of
his adver- | saries;*,
You have made all his ene- |
mies rejoice.
- 43 You have also turned back the
edge | of his sword,*
And have not sustained him in
the | battle.
- 44 You have made his | glory cease;*,
And cast his throne down | to
the ground.
- 45 The days of his youth You have |
shortened;*,
You have covered | him with
shame.
- 46 How long, LORD? Will You hide
Yourself for- | ever?*,
Will Your wrath | burn like fire?

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| <p>13 Return, O LORD! How long?*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">And have compassion on Your servants.</p> <p>14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!</p> <p>15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have af- flicted us,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the years in which we have seen evil.</p> <p>16 Let your work appear to Your servants,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and Your glory to their children.</p> <p>17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be up- on us,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.</p> | <p>5 You shall not be afraid of the ter- ror by night,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">nor of the arrow that flies by day,</p> <p>6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.</p> <p>7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">But it shall not come near you.</p> <p>8 Only with your eyes shall you look,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and see the reward of the wicked.</p> <p>9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">even the Most High, your dwelling place,</p> <p>10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near you, for you have said, The LORD is my refuge.</p> |
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Psalm 91



- 1 He who dwells in the secret place
of the | Most High*
shall abide under the shadow of
the Al- | mighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my
refuge and my | fortress;*"
My God, in Him | I will trust."
- 3 Surely He shall deliver you from
the snare of the | fowler*
and from the perilous | pesti-
lence.
- 4 He shall cover you with His feath-
ers, and under His wings you shall
take | refuge;*
His truth shall be your shield
and | buckler.
- 5 to keep you in | an | your way.
- 12 In their hands they shall | bear
you up,*
lest you dash your foot a- |
gainst a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and
the | cobra,*
the young lion and the serpent
you shall trample | underfoot.
- 14 "Because he has set his love upon
Me, therefore I will de- | liver
him;*"
I will set him on high, because
he has | known My name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will |
answer him;*

I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and | honor
him.

16 With long life I will sa- | tisfy
him,*
and show him My sal- | vation."

Psalm 92



1 It is good to give thanks | to the
LORD,*
and to sing praises to Your
name, | O Most High;

2 To declare Your lovingkindness in
the | morning,*
and Your faithfulness | every
night,

3 On an instrument of | ten
strings,*
on the lute, and on the harp,
with har- | monious sound.

4 For You, LORD, have made me
glad | through Your work;*
I will triumph in the works | of
Your hands.

5 O LORD, how great | are Your
works!*

Your thoughts are | very deep.

6 A senseless man | does not
know,*
Nor does a fool under- | stand
this.

7 When the wicked spring | up like
grass,*
and when all the workers of
iniquity flourish, it is that they
may be destroyed for- | ever.

8 But You, LORD, are on high for- |
evermore.*

9 For behold, Your enemies, O
LORD, for behold, Your enemies
shall perish; All the workers of
iniquity shall be | scattered.

10 But my horn You have exalted like
a | wild ox;*
I have been anointed with |
fresh oil.

11 My eye also has seen my desire on
my | enemies;*
My ears hear my desire on the
wicked who rise up a- | gainst
me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like
a | palm tree,*
he shall grow like a cedar in |
Lebanon.

13 Those who are planted in the
house | of the LORD*
shall flourish in the courts | of
our God.

14 They shall still bear fruit in | old
age;*
They shall be fresh and | flour-
ishing,

15 To declare that the LORD is |
upright;*
He is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness | in Him.

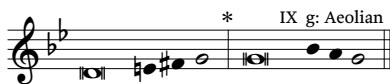
Day 19, morning

Psalm 93



- 1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed
with majesty; The | LORD is
clothed,*
He has girded Himself with
strength. Surely the world is
established, so that it can- | not
be moved.
- 2 Your throne is established | from
of old;*
You are from ever- | lasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, | O
LORD,*
The floods have lifted up their
voice; The floods lift | up their
waves.
- 4 The LORD on high is mightier
than the noise of many | waters,*
than the mighty waves | of the
sea.
- 5 Your testimonies are | very sure;*
Holiness adorns Your house, O
LORD, for- | ever.

Psalm 94



- 1 O LORD God, to whom ven- |
geance belongs—*
O God, to whom vengeance
belongs, | shine forth!
- 2 Rise up, O Judge | of the earth;*
Render punishment | to the
proud.

- 3 LORD, how long will the |
wicked,*
how long will the wicked |
triumph?
- 4 They utter speech, and speak in- |
solent things;*
All the workers of iniquity
boast | in themselves.
- 5 They break in pieces Your
people, | O LORD,*
and afflict Your | heritage.
- 6 They slay the widow and the |
stranger,*
and murder the | fatherless.
- 7 Yet they say, "The LORD | does
not see,*
nor does the God of Jacob |
understand."
- 8 Understand, you senseless among
the | people;*
And you fools, when will | you
be wise?
- 9 He who planted the ear, shall | He
not hear?*
He who formed the eye, shall |
He not see?
- 10 He who instructs the nations,
shall He | not correct,*
He who teaches man | knowl-
edge?
- 11 The LORD knows the | thoughts
of man,*
that they are | futile.
- 12 Blessed is the man whom You
instruct, | O LORD,*
And teach out | of Your law,
- 13 That You may give him rest from
the days of ad- | versity,*
until the pit is dug for the |
wicked.

- 14 For the LORD will not cast off
His | people,*
nor will He forsake His in- |
heritance.
- 15 But judgment will return to | righ-
teousness,*
and all the upright in heart
will | follow it.
- 16 Who will rise up for me against
the evil- | doers?*
- Who will stand up for me
against the workers of in- |
iquity?
- 17 Unless the LORD had | been my
help,*
My soul would soon have settled
in | silence.
- 18 If I say, "My | foot slips,"*
Your mercy, O LORD, will | hold
me up.
- 19 In the multitude of my anxieties
with- | in me,*
Your comforts de- | light my
soul.
- 20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which
devises e- | vil by law,*
have fellow- | ship with You?
- 21 They gather together against the
life of the | righteous,*
and condemn in- | nocent
blood.
- 22 But the LORD has been | my
defense,*
and my God the rock of my |
refuge.
- 23 He has brought on them their own
in- | iquity,*
And shall cut them off in their
own wickedness; The LORD our
God shall | cut them off.

Psalm 95



- 1 Oh come, let us sing | to the
LORD!*
- Let us shout joyfully to the Rock
of our sal- | vation.
- 2 Let us come before His presence
with thanks- | giving;*
- Let us shout joyfully to | Him
with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is | the great God,*
and the great King a- | bove all
gods.
- 4 In His hand are the deep places |
of the earth;*
- The heights of the hills are His |
also.
- 5 The sea is His, for He | made it;*
- And His hands formed the | dry
land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and |
bow down;*
- Let us kneel before the LORD
our | Maker.
- 7 For He | is our God,*
And we are the people of His
pasture, and the sheep | of His
hand.
- Today, if you will | hear His
voice:*
- 8 "Do not harden your hearts, as
in the rebellion, as in the day of
trial in the | wilderness,
- 9 When your fathers | tested Me;*
- They tried Me, though they |
saw My work.

10 For forty years I was grieved with
that gene- | ration,*

and said, 'It is a people who go
astray in their hearts, and they
do not | know My ways.'

11 So I swore | in My wrath,*
'They shall not en- | ter My
rest.' "

Day 19, evening

Psalm 96



1 Oh, sing to the LORD a | new
song!*

Sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

2 Sing to the LORD, | bless His
name;*

Proclaim the good news of His
salvation from | day to day.

3 Declare His glory among the |
nations,*

His wonders among all |
peoples.

4 For the LORD is great and greatly |
to be praised;*

He is to be feared a- | bove all
gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples
are | idols,*

but the LORD made the | heav-
ens.

6 Honor and majesty are be- | fore
Him;*

Strength and beauty are in His
sanctu- | ary.

7 Give to the LORD, O families of
the | peoples,*

give to the LORD glo- | ry and
strength.

8 Give to the LORD the glory | due
His name;*

Bring an offering, and come
in- | to His courts.

9 Oh, worship the LORD in the
beauty of | holiness!*

Tremble before Him, | all the
earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The
LORD reigns; The world also is
firmly established, it shall | not be
moved;*

He shall judge the peoples |
righteously."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let
the | earth be glad;*

Let the sea roar, and all its |
fullness;

12 Let the field be joyful, and all
that | is in it.*

Then all the trees of the woods
will rejoice

13 be- | fore the LORD.

For He is coming, for He is coming
to | judge the earth.*

He shall judge the world with
righteousness, and the peoples |
with His truth.

Psalm 97



1 The LORD reigns; Let the | earth
rejoice;*

Let the multitude of | isles be
glad!

2 Clouds and darkness sur- | round
Him;*

Righteousness and justice are
the foundation | of His throne.

- 3 A fire goes be- | fore Him,*
and burns up His enemies |
round about.
- 4 His lightnings | light the world;*
The earth sees and | trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at
the presence | of the LORD,*
at the presence of the LORD of
the | whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare His | righ-
teousness,*
and all the peoples see His |
glory.
- 7 Let all be put to shame who serve
carved images, who boast of |
idols.*
Worship Him, | all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the
daughters of Ju- | dah rejoice*
because of Your judgments, | O
LORD.
- 9 For You, LORD, are most high
above | all the earth;*
You are exalted far a- | bove all
gods.
- 10 You who love the LORD, hate |
evil!*
He preserves the souls of His
saints; He delivers them out of
the hand of the | wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the | righteous,*
and gladness for the up- | right
in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you | righ-
teous,*
and give thanks at the remem-
brance of His | holy name.

Psalm 98



- 1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
For He has done | marvelous
things;*
His right hand and His holy arm
have gained Him the | victory.
- 2 The LORD has made known His
sal- | vation;*
His righteousness He has
revealed in the sight of the |
nations.
- 3 He has remembered His mercy
and His faithfulness to the house
of | Israel;*
All the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation | of our God.
- 4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, | all
the earth;*
Break forth in song, rejoice, and
sing | praises.
- 5 Sing to the LORD | with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound | of
a psalm,
- 6 With trumpets and the sound | of
a horn;*
Shout joyfully before the |
LORD, the King.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all its | full-
ness,*
the world and those who | dwell
in it;
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let
the hills be joyful together
- 9 be- | fore the LORD,*
for He is coming to | judge the
earth. With righteousness He
shall | judge the world,*
and the peoples with | equity.

Psalm 99



- 1 The LORD reigns; Let the peoples |
tremble!*
- He dwells between the cheru-
bim; Let the | earth be moved!
- 2 The LORD is great in | Zion,*
and He is high above all the |
peoples.
- 3 Let them praise Your great and |
awesome name—*
- He is | holy.
- 4 The King's strength also loves |
justice;*
- You have established equity;
You have executed justice and
righteousness in | Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the | LORD our God,*
And worship at His footstool—
He is | holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron were a- | mong
His priests,*
and Samuel was among those
who called up- | on His name;
They called up- | on the LORD,*
and He | answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them in the cloudy |
pillar;*
- They kept His testimonies and
the ordinance He | gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O | LORD our
God,*
You were to them God-Who-For-
gives, though You took
vengeance | on their deeds.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at His | holy hill;*
- For the LORD our God is | holy.

Psalm 100



- 1 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, |
all you lands!*
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with |
singing.
- 3 Know that the LORD, | He is
God,*
It is He who has made us, and
not | we ourselves;
We are His | people*
and the sheep of His | pasture.
- 4 Enter into His gates with thanks-
giving, and into His | courts with
praise.*
Be thankful to Him, and | bless
His name.
- 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is
ever- | lasting,*
and His truth endures to all
gene- | rations.

Day 20, morning

Psalm 101



- 1 I will sing of mercy and | justice;*
To You, O LORD, I will sing |
praises.
- 2 I will behave wisely in a perfect
way. Oh, when will You | come to
me?*
- I will walk within my house
with a | perfect heart.

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| <p>3 I will set nothing wicked be- fore
my eyes;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I hate the work of those who fall
away; It shall not cling to me.</p> <p>4 A perverse heart shall de- part
from me;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I will not know wickedness.</p> <p>5 Whoever secretly slanders his
neighbor, Him I will destroy;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The one who has a haughty look
and a proud heart, him I will
not endure.</p> <p>6 My eyes shall be on the faithful
of the land, that they may dwell
with me;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">He who walks in a perfect way,
he shall serve me.</p> <p>7 He who works deceit shall not
dwell with- in my house;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">He who tells lies shall not
continue in my presence.</p> <p>8 Early I will destroy all the
wicked of the land,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">that I may cut off all the evildo-
ers from the city of the LORD.</p> | <p>4 My heart is stricken and wit-
hered like grass,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">so that I forget to eat my bread.</p> <p>5 Because of the sound of my
groaning*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">my bones cling to my skin.</p> <p>6 I am like a pelican of the wilder-
ness;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I am like an owl of the desert.</p> <p>7 I lie awake,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and am like a sparrow alone on
the housetop.</p> <p>8 My enemies reproach me all day
long;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Those who deride me swear an
oath a- gainst me.</p> <p>9 For I have eaten ashes like
bread,*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and mingled my drink with
weeping,</p> <p>10 Because of Your indignation and
Your wrath;*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For You have lifted me up and
cast me away.</p> |
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Psalm 102



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| 1 | Hear my prayer, O LORD,*
and let my cry come to You. | and the remembrance of Your
name to all gene- rations. |
| 2 | Do not hide Your face from me in
the day of my trouble;*
Incline Your ear to me; In the
day that I call, answer me
speedily. | 13 You will arise and have mercy on
Zion;*
For the time to favor her, yes, the
set time, has come. |
| 3 | For my days are con- sumed like
smoke,*
and my bones are burned like
a hearth. | 14 For Your servants take pleasure
in her stones,*
and show favor to her dust. |

- 15 So the nations shall fear the
name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth
Your | glory.
- 16 For the LORD shall build up |
Zion,*
He shall appear in His | glory.
- 17 He shall regard the prayer of the |
destitute,*
and shall not de- | spise their
prayer.
- 18 This will be written for the
genera- | tion to come,*
that a people yet to be created
may | praise the LORD.
- 19 For He looked down from the
height of His sanctu- | ary,*
From heaven the LORD | viewed
the earth,
- 20 To hear the groaning of the | pris-
oner,*
to release those appoint- | ed to
death,
- 21 To declare the name of the LORD
in | Zion,*
and His praise in Je- | rusalem,
- 22 When the peoples are gathered
to- | gether,*
and the kingdoms, to | serve the
LORD.
- 23 He weakened my strength | in the
way;,*
He short- | ened my days.
- 24 I said, "O my God, do not take me
away in the midst | of my days;*"
Your years are throughout all
gene- | rations.
- 25 Of old You laid the foundation |
of the earth,*
and the heavens are the work |
of Your hands.

- 26 They will perish, but You will
endure; Yes, they will all grow old
like a | garment;*
Like a cloak You will change
them, and they | will be
changed.
- 27 But You | are the same,*
and Your years will | have no
end.
- 28 The children of Your servants will
con- | tinue,*
and their descendants will be
established be- | fore You."

Day 20, evening

Psalms 103



- 1 Bless the LORD, | O my soul;*
And all that is within me, bless
His | holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all His | benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your in- | iqui-
ties,*
who heals all your di- | seases,
- 4 Who redeems your life from de- |
struction,*
who crowns you with lovingk-
indness and tender | mercies,
- 5 Who satisfies your mouth with |
good things,*
so that your youth is renewed
like the | eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes | righteous-
ness*
and justice for all who | are
oppressed.

- 7 He made known His ways to |
Moses,*
His acts to the children of |
Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and |
gracious,*
slow to anger, and abounding
in | mercy.
- 9 He will not always | strive with
us,*
nor will He keep His anger for- |
ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us accord-
ing | to our sins,*
nor punished us according to
our in- | iquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high a- |
bove the earth,*
so great is His mercy toward
those who | fear Him;
- 12 As far as the east is | from the
west,*
so far has He removed our trans-
gressions | from us.
- 13 As a father pities his | children,*
so the LORD pities those who |
fear Him.
- 14 For He | knows our frame;*
He remembers that | we are
dust.
- 15 As for man, his days | are like
grass;
As a flower of the field, so he |
flourishes.
- 16 For the wind passes over it, and |
it is gone,*
and its place remembers | it no
more.

- 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting on those
who | fear Him,*
and His righteousness to chil-
dren's | children,
- 18 To such as keep His | covenant,*
and to those who remember His
commandments to | do them.
- 19 The LORD has established His
throne in | heaven,*
and His kingdom rules | over
all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you His | angels,*
who excel in strength, who do
His word, heeding the voice | of
His word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all | you His
hosts,*
you ministers of His, who do
His | pleasure.
- 22 Bless the LORD, | all His works,*
in all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul!

Psalm 104



- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul! O
LORD my God, You are | very
great:.*
You are clothed with honor
and | majesty,
- 2 Who cover Yourself with light as
with a | garment,*
who stretch out the heavens like
a | curtain.
- 3 He lays the beams of His upper
chambers in the | waters,*
Who makes the clouds His char-
iot, who walks on the wings | of
the wind,

- 4 Who makes His angels | spirits,*
His ministers a | flame of fire.
- 5 You who laid the foundations | of
the earth,*
so that it should not be moved
for- | ever,
- 6 You covered it with the deep as
with a | garment;*
The waters stood above the |
mountains.
- 7 At Your re- | buke they fled;*
At the voice of Your thunder
they has- | tened away.
- 8 They went up over the | moun-
tains;*
They went down into the
valleys, to the place which You
foun- | ded for them.
- 9 You have set a boundary that they
may not pass | over,*
that they may not return to
cov- | er the earth.
- 10 He sends the springs into the |
valleys;*
They flow a- | mong the hills.
- 11 They give drink to every beast | of
the field;*
The wild donkeys | quench their
thirst.
- 12 By them the birds of the heavens |
have their home;*
They sing among the | branches.
- 13 He waters the hills from His
upper | chambers;*
The earth is satisfied with the
fruit | of Your works.
- 14 He causes the grass to grow for the
cattle, and vegetation for the ser- |
vice of man,*
that he may bring forth food |
from the earth,
- 15 And wine that makes glad the |
heart of man,*
oil to make his face shine, and
bread which strengthens |
man's heart.
- 16 The trees of the LORD are | full of
sap,*
the cedars of Lebanon which
He | planted,
- 17 Where the birds | make their
nests;*
The stork has her home in the |
fir trees.
- 18 The high hills are for the | wild
goats;*
The cliffs are a refuge for the
rock | badgers.
- 19 He appointed the moon for |
seasons;*
The sun knows its | going
down.
- 20 You make darkness, and | it is
night,*
in which all the beasts of the
forest | creep about.
- 21 The young lions roar af- | ter their
prey,*
and seek their | food from God.
- 22 When the sun rises, they gather
to- | gether*
and lie down | in their dens.
- 23 Man goes out | to his work*
and to his labor until the |
evening.
- 24 O LORD, how manifold are Your
works! In wisdom You have |
made them all.*
The earth is full of Your pos- |
sessions—

25 This great and wide sea, in which
are innumerable | teeming
things,*
living things both | small and
great.

26 There the ships | sail about;*
There is that Leviathan which
You have made to | play there.

27 These all | wait for You,*
that You may give them their
food in due | season.

28 What You give them they | gather
in;*
You open Your hand, they are |
filled with good.

29 You hide Your face, they are |
troubled;*
You take away their breath, they
die and return | to their dust.

30 You send forth Your Spirit, they
are cre- | ated;*
And You renew the face | of the
earth.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure
for- | ever;*
May the LORD rejoice | in His
works.

32 He looks on the earth, and it |
trembles;*
He touches the hills, | and they
smoke.

33 I will sing to the LORD as long | as
I live;*
I will sing praise to my God
while I have my | being.

34 May my meditation be | sweet to
Him;*
I will be glad | in the LORD.

35 May sinners be consumed from
the earth, and the wicked | be no
more.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul! |
Praise the LORD!

Day 21, morning

Psalm 105



1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call
up- | on His name;*
Make known His deeds among
the | peoples!

2 Sing to Him, sing | psalms to
Him;*
Talk of all His | wondrous
works!

3 Glory in His | holy name;*
Let the hearts of those rejoice
who | seek the LORD!

4 Seek the LORD | and His
strength;*
Seek His face | evermore!

5 Remember His marvelous works
which | He has done,*
His wonders, and the judg-
ments | of His mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham His | servant,*
you children of Jacob, His |
chosen ones!

7 He is the | LORD our God;*
His judgments are in | all the
earth.

8 He remembers His covenant for- |
ever,*
the word which He commanded,
for a thousand gene- | rations,

- 9 The covenant which He made
with | Abraham,*
and His oath to | Isaac,
- 10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a |
statute,*
to Israel as an everlasting | cove-
nant,
- 11 Saying, "To you I will give the
land of | Canaan*
as the allotment of your in- |
heritance,"
- 12 When they were few in | number,*
indeed very few, and strangers |
in it.
- 13 When they went from one nation
to a- | nother,*
from one kingdom to another |
people,
- 14 He permitted no one to | do them
wrong,*
Yes, He rebuked kings | for their
sakes,
- 15 Saying, "Do not touch My a- |
nointed ones,*
and do My prophets | no harm."
- 16 Moreover He called for a famine |
in the land;*
He destroyed all the provi- |
sion of bread.
- 17 He sent a man be- | fore them—*
Joseph—who was sold | as a
slave.
- 18 They hurt his feet with | fetters,*
he was laid in | irons.
- 19 Until the time that his word |
came to pass,*
the word of the LORD | tested
him.
- 20 The king sent and re- | leased
him,*
the ruler of the people let him |
go free.
- 21 He made him lord | of his house,*
and ruler of all his pos- |
sessions,
- 22 To bind his princes at his | plea-
sure,*
and teach his elders | wisdom.
- 23 Israel also came into | Egypt,*
and Jacob dwelt in the | land of
Ham.
- 24 He increased His people | greatly,*
and made them stronger than
their | enemies.
- 25 He turned their heart to hate His |
people,*
to deal craftily with His |
servants.
- 26 He sent Moses His | servant,*
and Aaron whom He had |
chosen.
- 27 They performed His signs a- |
mong them,*
and wonders in the | land of
Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and | made it
dark;*
And they did not rebel a- |
gainst His word.
- 29 He turned their waters | into
blood,*
and | killed their fish.
- 30 Their land aboun- | ded with
frogs,*
even in the chambers | of their
kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came |
swarms of flies,*
and lice in all their terri- | tory.

- 32 He gave them | hail for rain,*
and flaming fire | in their land.
- 33 He struck their vines also, and
their | fig trees,*
and splintered the trees of their
terri- | tory.
- 34 He spoke, and | locusts came,*
young locusts without |
number,
- 35 And ate up all the vegetation | in
their land,*
and devoured the fruit | of their
ground.
- 36 He also destroyed all the first-
born | in their land,*
the first of | all their strength.
- 37 He also brought them out with
sil- | ver and gold,*
and there was none feeble a- |
mong His tribes.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they de- |
parted,*
for the fear of them had fallen
up- | on them.
- 39 He spread a cloud for a | cover-
ing,*
and fire to give light | in the
night.
- 40 The people asked, and He |
brought quail,*
and satisfied them with the
bread of | heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water |
gushed out;*
It ran in the dry places like a |
river.
- 42 For He remembered His holy |
promise,*
and Abraham His | servant.

- 43 He brought out His peo- | ple with
joy,*
His chosen ones with | gladness.
- 44 He gave them the lands of the |
Gentiles,*
and they inherited the labor of
the | nations,
- 45 That they might observe His stat-
utes and | keep His laws.*
- | Praise the LORD!

Day 21, evening

Psalm 106



- 1 Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks
to the LORD, for | He is good!*
- For His mercy endures for- |
ever.
- 2 Who can utter the mighty acts | of
the LORD?*
- Who can declare | all His praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who keep |
justice,*
- and he who does righteousness
at | all times!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the
favor You have toward Your |
people.*
- Oh, visit me with Your sal- |
vation,
- 5 That I may see the benefit of Your
chosen ones, that I may rejoice in
the gladness of Your | nation,*
- that I may glory with Your in- |
heritance.
- 6 We have sinned with our |
fathers,*
- we have committed iniquity, we
have done | wickedly.

- 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not
understand Your | wonders;*
They did not remember the
multitude of Your mercies, but
rebelled by the sea—the | Red
Sea.
- 8 Nevertheless He saved them for
His | name's sake,*
that He might make His
mighty | power known.
- 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and
it | dried up;*
So He led them through the
depths, as through the | wilder-
ness.
- 10 He saved them from the hand of
him who | hated them,*
And redeemed them from the
hand of the | enemy.
- 11 The waters covered their |
enemies;*
There was not one | of them left.
- 12 Then they be- | lieved His words;*
They | sang His praise.
- 13 They soon for- | got His works;*
They did not wait for His |
counsel,
- 14 But lusted exceedingly in the |
wilderness,*
and tested God in the | desert.
- 15 And He gave them | their
request,*
but sent leanness in- | to their
soul.
- 16 When they envied Moses | in the
camp,*
and Aaron the saint | of the
LORD,
- 17 The earth opened up and swal-
lowed | Dathan,*
And covered the faction of |
Abiram.
- 18 A fire was kindled in their |
company;*
The flame burned up the |
wicked.
- 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and
worshiped the molded | image.*
- 20 Thus they changed their glory
into the image of an ox that |
eats grass.
- 21 They forgot God their | Savior,*
Who had done great things in |
Egypt,
- 22 Wondrous works in the | land of
Ham,*
awesome things by the | Red
Sea.
- 23 Therefore He said that He would
destroy them, had not Moses His
chosen one stood before Him | in
the breach,*
to turn away His wrath, lest He
de- | stroy them.
- 24 Then they despised the pleasant
land; They did not be- | lieve His
word,*
- 25 But complained in their tents,
and did not heed the voice | of
the LORD.
- 26 Therefore He raised His hand in
an oath a- | gainst them,*
to overthrow them in the |
wilderness,
- 27 To overthrow their descendants
among the | nations,*
and to scatter them | in the
lands.
- 28 They joined themselves also to
Baal of | Peor,*
and ate sacrifices made | to the
dead.

- 29 Thus they provoked Him to
anger | with their deeds,*
and the plague broke out a- |
mong them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up and |
intervened,*
and the | plague was stopped.
- 31 And that was accounted to him
for | righteousness*
to all generations for- | ever-
more.
- 32 They angered Him also at the
wa- | ters of strife,*
so that it went ill with Moses on
ac- | count of them;
- 33 Because they rebelled against
His | Spirit,*
so that he spoke rashly | with
his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the |
peoples,*
concerning whom the LORD had
com- | manded them,
- 35 But they mingled with the |
Gentiles*
and | learned their works;
- 36 They served their | idols,*
which became a | snare to them.
- 37 They even sacri- | ficed their
sons*
and their daughters to | demons,
- 38 and shed innocent blood, the
blood of their sons and daughters,
whom they sacrificed to the idols
of | Canaan;*
And the land was polluted |
with blood.
- 39 Thus they were defiled by their |
own works,*
and played the harlot by their |
own deeds.
- 40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD
was kindled against His | people,*
so that He abhorred His own
in- | heritance.
- 41 And He gave them into the hand
of the | Gentiles,*
and those who hated them
ruled | over them.
- 42 Their enemies also op- | pressed
them,*
And they were brought into
subjection un- | der their hand.
- 43 Many times He de- | livered
them,*
But they rebelled in their coun-
sel, and were brought low for
their in- | iquity.
- 44 Nevertheless He regarded their
af- | fliction,*
when He | heard their cry;
- 45 And for their sake He remembered
His | covenant,*
and relented according to the
multitude of His | mercies.
- 46 He also made them to be | pitied*
by all those who carried them
away | captive.
- 47 Save us, O LORD our God, and
gather us from among the |
Gentiles,*
to give thanks to Your holy
name, to triumph | in Your
praise.
- 48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
from everlasting to ever- | last-
ing!*
- And let all the people say,
"Amen!" | Praise the LORD!

Day 22, morning

Psalm 107



- 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for |
He is good!*
For His mercy endures for- |
ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD |
say so,*
Whom He has redeemed from
the hand of the | enemy,
- 3 And gathered out | of the lands,*
from the east and from the west,
from the north and | from the
south.
- 4 They wandered in the wilderness
in a | desolate way;*
They found no city to | dwell in.
- 5 Hungry and | thirsty,*
their soul fainted | in them.
- 6 Then they cried out to the LORD
in their | trouble,*
and He delivered them out of
their dis- | tresses.
- 7 And He led them forth by the |
right way,*
that they might go to a city for
a | dwelling place.
- 8 Oh, that men would give thanks
to the LORD for His | goodness,*
and for His wonderful works to
the chil- | dren of men!
- 9 For He satisfies the | longing
soul,*
and fills the hungry soul with |
goodness.
- 10 Those who sat in darkness and in
the sha- | dow of death,*
bound in affliction and | irons—
- 11 Because they rebelled against
the | words of God,*
and despised the counsel of
the | Most High,
- 12 Therefore He brought down their
heart with | labor;*
They fell down, and there was |
none to help.
- 13 Then they cried out to the LORD
in their | trouble,*
And He saved them out of their
dis- | tresses.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness
and the sha- | dow of death,*
and broke their chains in |
pieces.
- 15 Oh, that men would give thanks
to the LORD for His | goodness,*
and for His wonderful works to
the chil- | dren of men!
- 16 For He has broken the | gates of
bronze,*
and cut the bars of | iron in two.
- 17 Fools, because of their trans- |
gression,*
and because of their iniquities,
were af- | flicted.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all man- | ner
of food,*
and they drew near to the | gates
of death.
- 19 Then they cried out to the LORD
in their | trouble,*
and He saved them out of their
dis- | tresses.
- 20 He sent His word and | healed
them,*
and delivered them from their
de- | structions.

- 21 Oh, that men would give thanks
to the LORD for His | goodness,*
and for His wonderful works to
the chil- | dren of men!
- 22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of
thanks- | giving,*
and declare His works with re- |
joicing.
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in
ships, who do business on great |
waters,*
- 24 They see the works of the LORD,
and His wonders | in the deep.
- 25 For He commands and raises the |
stormy wind,*
which lifts up the waves | of the
sea.
- 26 They mount up to the heavens,
they go down again | to the
depths;*
Their soul melts because of |
trouble.
- 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger
like a | drunken man,*
and are at their | wits' end.
- 28 Then they cry out to the LORD in
their | trouble,*
And He brings them out of their
dis- | tresses.
- 29 He calms the storm, so that its |
waves are still.*
- 30 Then they are glad because they
are quiet; So He guides them to
their desired | haven.
- 31 Oh, that men would give thanks
to the LORD for His | goodness,*
and for His wonderful works to
the chil- | dren of men!
- 32 Let them exalt Him also in the
assembly of the | people,*
and praise Him in the company
of the | elders.
- 33 He turns rivers into a | wilder-
ness,*
and the watersprings into | dry
ground;
- 34 A fruitful land into | barrenness,*
for the wickedness of those
who | dwell in it.
- 35 He turns a wilderness into pools
of | water,*
and dry land into | watersprings.
- 36 There He makes the | hungry
dwell,*
that they may establish a city for
a | dwelling place,
- 37 And sow fields and plant | vine-
yards,*
that they may yield a fruitful |
harvest.
- 38 He also blesses them, and they
multiply | greatly,*
And He does not let their cat- |
tle decrease.
- 39 When they are diminished and |
brought low*
through oppression, affliction,
and | sorrow,
- 40 He pours contempt on | princes,*
and causes them to wander in
the wilderness where there | is
no way;
- 41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far
from af- | fliction,*
and makes their families | like
a flock.
- 42 The righteous see it | and rejoice,*
and all iniquity | stops its
mouth.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ob- | serve
these things,*
and they will understand the
lovingkindness | of the LORD.

Day 22, evening

Psalm 108



- 1 O God, my heart is | steadfast;*
I will sing and give praise, even
with my | glory.
- 2 Awake, | lute and harp!*
I will awa- | ken the dawn.
- 3 I will praise You, O LORD, among
the | peoples,*
and I will sing praises to You
among the | nations.
- 4 For Your mercy is great above
the | heavens,*
and Your truth reaches | to the
clouds.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the |
heavens,*
and Your glory above | all the
earth;
- 6 That Your beloved may be de- |
livered,*
save with Your right hand, and |
hear me.
- 7 God has spoken in His | holi-
ness:*
"I will rejoice; I will divide
Shechem and measure out the
Valley of | Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is Mine; Manas- | seh is
Mine;*
Ephraim also is the helmet for
My head; Judah is My law- |
giver.
- 9 Moab is My | washpot;*
Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
Over Philistia I will | triumph."

- 10 Who will bring me into the
strong | city?*
- Who will lead me to | Edom?
- 11 Is it not You, O God, who | cast us
off?*
- And You, O God, who did not go
out with our | armies?
- 12 Give us help from | trouble,*
for the help of man is | useless.
- 13 Through God we will do |
valiantly,*
for it is He who shall tread down
our | enemies.

Psalm 109



- 1 Do not keep | silent,*
O God | of my praise!
- 2 For the mouth of the wicked and
the mouth of the deceitful have
opened a- | gainst me;*
- They have spoken against me
with a | lying tongue.
- 3 They have also surrounded me
with words of | hatred,*
and fought against me with- |
out a cause.
- 4 In return for my love they are my
ac- | cusers,*
but I give my- | self to prayer.
- 5 Thus they have rewarded me e- |
vil for good,*
and hatred | for my love.
- 6 Set a wicked man | over him,*
and let an accuser stand at his |
right hand.
- 7 When he is judged, let him be
found | guilty,*
and let his prayer be- | come sin.

- 8 Let his | days be few,*
and let another take his | office.
- 9 Let his children be | fatherless,*
and his wife a | widow.
- 10 Let his children continually be
vagabonds, | and beg;*
Let them seek their bread also
from their desolate | places.
- 11 Let the creditor seize all | that he
has,*
and let strangers plunder his |
labor.
- 12 Let there be none to extend mer- |
cy to him,*
nor let there be any to favor his
fatherless | children.
- 13 Let his posterity | be cut off,*
and in the generation following
let their name be | blotted out.
- 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be
remembered be- | fore the LORD,*
and let not the sin of his mother
be | blotted out.
- 15 Let them be continually be- | fore
the LORD,*
that He may cut off the memory
of them | from the earth;
- 16 Because he did not remember to
show | mercy,*
but persecuted the poor and
needy man, that he might even
slay the bro- | ken in heart.
- 17 As he loved cursing, so let it |
come to him;*
As he did not delight in bless-
ing, so let it be | far from him.
- 18 As he clothed himself with curs-
ing as with his | garment,*
so let it enter his body like water,
and like oil in- | to his bones.
- 19 Let it be to him like the garment
which | covers him,*
and for a belt with which he
girds himself con- | tinually.
- 20 Let this be the LORD's reward to
my ac- | cusers,*
and to those who speak evil
against my | person.
- 21 But You, O God the LORD, deal
with me for Your | name's sake,*
Because Your mercy is good,
de- | liver me.
- 22 For I am poor and | needy,*
and my heart is wounded
with- | in me.
- 23 I am gone like a shadow when it |
lengthens,*
I am shaken off like a | locust.
- 24 My knees are weak through | fast-
ing,
And my flesh is feeble from lack
of | fatness.
- 25 I also have become a re- | proach
to them;*
When they look at me, they |
shake their heads.
- 26 Help me, O LORD | my God!*
Oh, save me according to Your |
mercy,
- 27 That they may know that this is |
Your hand—*
That You, LORD, have | done it!
- 28 Let them curse, but You bless;
When they arise, let them | be
ashamed,*
but let Your ser- | vant rejoice.
- 29 Let my accusers be | clothed with
shame,*
and let them cover themselves
with their own disgrace as with
a | mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD |
with my mouth;*

Yes, I will praise Him among
the | multitude.

31 For He shall stand at the right
hand | of the poor;*

to save him from those who
con- | demn him.

Psalm 110



1 The LORD said | to my LORD,*
“Sit at My right hand, till I make
Your enemies Your | footstool.”

2 The LORD shall send the rod of
Your strength out of | Zion.*
Rule in the midst of Your |
enemies.

3 Your people shall be volunteers in
the day | of Your power;*
In the beauties of holiness, from
the womb of the morning, you
have the dew | of Your youth.

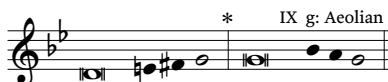
4 The LORD has sworn and will |
not relent,*
“You are a priest forever accord-
ing to the order of Mel- | chize-
dek.”

5 The LORD is at Your | right hand;*
He shall execute kings in the
day | of His wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill the places with dead |
bodies,*
He shall execute the heads of
many | countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook by
the | wayside;*
Therefore He shall lift | up the
head.

Psalm 111



1 Praise the LORD! I will praise the
LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright
and in the congre- | gation.

2 The works of the | LORD are
great,*
studied by all who have plea- |
sure in them.

3 His work is honorable and | glori-
ous,*
and His righteousness endures
for- | ever.

4 He has made His wonderful works
to be re- | membered;*
The LORD is gracious and full of
com- | passion.

5 He has given food to those who |
fear Him;*
He will ever be mindful of His |
covenant.

6 He has declared to His people the
power | of His works,*
in giving them the heritage of
the | nations.

7 The works of His hands are verity
and | justice;*
All His pre- | cepts are sure.

8 They stand fast forever and |
ever,*
and are done in truth and up- |
rightness.

9 He has sent redemption to His
people; He has commanded His
covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is His
name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His com- | mandments.*

His praise endures for- | ever.

Day 23, morning

Psalm 112



1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,* who delights greatly in His com- | mandments.

2 His descendants will be migh- | ty on earth;,*
The generation of the upright | will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be | in his house,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

4 Unto the upright there arises light in the | darkness;,*
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and | righteous.

5 A good man deals gracious- | ly and lends;,*
He will guide his affairs with dis- | cretion.

6 Surely he will never be | shaken;,*
The righteous will be in everlasting re- | membrance.

7 He will not be afraid of evil | tidings;,*
His heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

8 His heart is established; He will not | be afraid;,*
until he sees his desire upon his | enemies.

9 He has dispersed abroad, He has given | to the poor;,*
His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with | honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and | melt away;,*
The desire of the wicked shall | perish.

Psalm 113



1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
Praise the name | of the LORD!

2 Blessed be the name | of the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its | going down*
the LORD's name is | to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all | nations,*
His glory above the | heavens.

5 Who is like the | LORD our God,*
who | dwells on high,

6 Who humbles Himself | to behold*
the things that are in the heav-
ens and | in the earth?

- 7 He raises the poor out | of the
dust,*
and lifts the needy out of the |
ash heap,
- 8 That He may seat him with |
princes—*
with the princes of His | people.
- 9 He grants the barren wo- | man a
home,*
like a joyful mother of chil-
dren. | Praise the LORD!

Psalm 114



- 1 When Israel went out of | Egypt,*
the house of Jacob from a people
of strange | language,
- 2 Judah became His sanctu- | ary,*
and Israel His do- | minion.
- 3 The sea saw | it and fled;*
Jordan | turned back.
- 4 The mountains | skipped like
rams,*
the little | hills like lambs.
- 5 What ails you, O sea, | that you
fled?*
- O Jordan, that | you turned
back?
- 6 O mountains, that you | skipped
like rams?*
- O little | hills, like lambs?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence |
of the LORD,*
at the presence of the God of |
Jacob,
- 8 who turned the rock into a pool
of | water,*
the flint into a fountain of |
waters.

Psalm 115



- 1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
but to Your name give | glory,*
because of Your mercy,
because | of Your truth.
- 2 Why should the | Gentiles say,*
“So where | is their God?”
- 3 But our God is in | heaven;*
He does whatever He | pleases.
- 4 Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,*
the work | of men’s hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they | do
not speak;*
- Eyes they have, but they | do
not see;
- 6 They have ears, but they | do not
hear;*
- Noses they have, but they | do
not smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they do not
handle; Feet they have, but they |
do not walk;*
- Nor do they mutter | through
their throat.
- 8 Those who make them are | like
them;*
- So is everyone who | trusts in
them.
- 9 O Israel, trust | in the LORD;*
He is their help | and their
shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust | in the
LORD;*
- He is their help | and their
shield.

- 11 You who fear the LORD, trust | in
the LORD;*
He is their help | and their
shield.
- 12 The LORD has been mindful of us;
He will | bless us;*
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of |
Aaron.
- 13 He will bless those who fear the
LORD, Both | small and great.*
- 14 May the LORD give you increase
more and more, you and your |
children.
- 15 May you be blessed | by the
LORD,*
who made heav- | en and earth.
- 16 The heaven, even the heavens, |
are the LORD's;*
But the earth He has given to the
chil- | dren of men.
- 17 The dead do not | praise the
LORD,*
nor any who go down into |
silence.
- 18 But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forever-
more. | Praise the LORD!
- 3 The pains of death surrounded
me, and the pangs of Sheol laid |
hold of me;*
I found trouble and | sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name | of
the LORD:*
"O LORD, I implore You, deliv- |
er my soul!"
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and | righ-
teous;*
Yes, our God is | merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the | simple;*
I was brought low, and He |
saved me.
- 7 Return to your rest, | O my soul,*
for the LORD has dealt bounti- |
fully with you.
- 8 For You have delivered my | soul
from death,*
my eyes from tears, and my feet
from | falling.
- 9 I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.
- 10 I believed, there- | fore I spoke,*
"I am greatly af- | flicted."
- 11 I said | in my haste,*
"All men are | liars."
- 12 What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all His bene- | fits toward
me?

Day 23, evening

Psalm 116



- 1 I love the LORD, because He has |
heard My voice*
and my suppli- | cations.
- 2 Because He has inclined His | ear
to me,*
therefore I will call upon Him as
long | as I live.
- 13 I will take up the cup of sal- |
vation,*
and call upon the name | of the
LORD.
- 14 I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
now in the presence of all His |
people.
- 15 Precious in the sight | of the
LORD*
is the death | of His saints.

- 16 O LORD, truly I am Your |
servant;*
I am Your servant, the son of
Your maidservant; You have |
loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of
thanks- | giving,*
and will call upon the name | of
the LORD.
- 18 I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
now in the presence of all His |
people,
- 19 In the courts of the | LORD's
house,*
in the midst of you, O Jerusa-
lem. | Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117



- 1 Praise the LORD, all you |
Gentiles!*
- Laud Him, all you | peoples!
- 2 For His merciful kindness is |
great toward us,*
and the truth of the LORD
endures forever. | Praise the
LORD!

Psalm 118



- 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for |
He is good!*
- For His mercy endures for- |
ever.
- 2 Let Isra- | el now say,*
"His mercy endures for- | ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron | now say,*
"His mercy endures for- | ever."

- 4 Let those who fear the | LORD
now say,*
"His mercy endures for- | ever."
- 5 I called on the LORD | in distress;*
The LORD answered me and set
me in a | broad place.
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I | will
not fear.*
What can man | do to me?
- 7 The LORD is for me among those
who | help me;*
- Therefore I shall see my desire
on those who | hate me.
- 8 It is better to trust | in the LORD*
than to put confi- | dence in
man.
- 9 It is better to trust | in the LORD*
than to put confidence in |
princes.
- 10 All nations sur- | rounded me,*
but in the name of the LORD I
will de- | stroy them.
- 11 They surrounded me, yes, they
sur- | rounded me;*
- But in the name of the LORD I
will de- | stroy them.
- 12 They surrounded me like bees;
They were quenched like a | fire
of thorns;*
- For in the name of the LORD I
will de- | stroy them.
- 13 You pushed me violently, that | I
might fall,*
but the LORD | helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my | strength and
song,*
and He has become my sal- |
vation.

- 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the | righteous;*
The right hand of the LORD
does | valiantly.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is
ex- | alted;*
The right hand of the LORD
does | valiantly.
- 17 I shall not | die, but live,*
and declare the works | of the
LORD.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me severely,*
but He has not given me o- | ver
to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go | through them,*
and I will | praise the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate | of the LORD,*
through which the righteous
shall | enter.
- 21 I will praise You, for You have | answered me,*
and have become my sal- | vation.
- 22 The stone which the builders re- | jected*
has become the chief | corner-
stone.
- 23 This was the LORD's | doing;*
It is marvelous | in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day the | LORD has
made;*
We will rejoice and be | glad in
it.
- 25 Save now, I pray, | O LORD;*
O LORD, I pray, send now pros- | perity.

- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the
name | of the LORD!*
We have blessed you from the
house | of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD, and He has
giv- | en us light;*
Bind the sacrifice with cords to
the horns of the | altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will | praise
You,*
You are my God, I will ex- | alt
You.
- 29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for |
He is good!*
For His mercy endures for- |
ever.

Day 24, morning

Psalm 119

℣ ALEPH



- 1 Blessed are the undefiled | in the
way,*
who walk in the law | of the
LORD!
- 2 Blessed are those who keep His
testi- | monies,*
who seek Him with the | whole
heart!
- 3 They also do no in- | iquity;*
They walk | in His ways.
- 4 You have com- | manded us*
to keep Your precepts dil- |
igently.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were di- |
rected*
to keep Your | statutes!

6 Then I would not | be ashamed,*
when I look into all Your com- |
mandments.

7 I will praise You with upright- |
ness of heart,*
when I learn Your righteous |
judgments.

8 I will keep Your | statutes;*
Oh, do not forsake me | utterly!

□ BETH



9 How can a young man | cleanse
his way?*

By taking heed according | to
Your word.

10 With my whole heart I have |
sought You;*

Oh, let me not wander from
Your com- | mandments!

11 Your word I have hidden | in my
heart,*
that I might not sin a- | gainst
You.

12 Blessed are You, | O LORD!*

Teach me Your | statutes.

13 With my lips I | have declared*
all the judgments | of Your
mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your
testi- | monies,*
as much as in all | riches.

15 I will meditate on Your |
precepts,*
and contemplate | Your ways.

16 I will delight myself in Your | stat-
utes;*

I will not for- | get Your word.

λ GIMEL



17 Deal bountifully with Your |
servant,*
that I may live and | keep Your
word.

18 Open my eyes, that | I may see*
wondrous things | from Your
law.

19 I am a stranger | in the earth;*

Do not hide Your command- |
ments from me.

20 My soul breaks with | longing*
for Your judgments at | all
times.

21 You rebuke the proud— | the
cursed,*
who stray from Your com- |
mandments.

22 Remove from me reproach | and
contempt,*
for I have kept Your testi- |
monies.

23 Princes also sit and speak a- |
gainst me,*
but Your servant meditates on
Your | statutes.

24 Your testimonies also are | my
delight*
and my | counselors.

7 DALETH

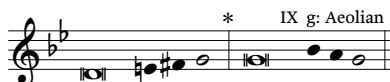


- 25 My soul clings | to the dust;*
Revive me according | to Your
word.
- 26 I have declared my ways, and
You | answered me;*
Teach me Your | statutes.
- 27 Make me understand the way of
Your | precepts;*
So shall I meditate on Your
won- | derful works.
- 28 My soul melts from | heaviness;*
Strengthen me according | to
Your word.
- 29 Remove from me the way of |
lying,*
and grant me Your law |
graciously.
- 30 I have chosen the | way of truth;*
Your judgments I have laid be- |
fore me.

- 31 I cling to Your testi- | monies;*
O LORD, do not put | me to
shame!

- 32 I will run the course of Your
com- | mandments,*
for You shall en- | large my
heart.

7 HE



- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of
Your | statutes,*
and I shall keep it | to the end.

- 34 Give me understanding, and I
shall | keep Your law;*
Indeed, I shall observe it with
my | whole heart.
- 35 Make me walk in the path of Your
com- | mandments,*
for I de- | light in it.
- 36 Incline my heart to Your testi- |
monies,*
and not to cov- | etousness.
- 37 Turn away my eyes from looking
at | worthless things,*
and revive me | in Your way.
- 38 Establish Your word to Your |
servant,*
who is devoted to | fearing You.
- 39 Turn away my reproach | which I
dread,*
for Your judg- | ments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for Your |
precepts,*
Revive me in Your | righteous-
ness.

Day 24, evening

1 WAW



- 41 Let Your mercies come also to
me, | O LORD—*
Your salvation according | to
Your word.
- 42 So shall I have an answer for him
who re- | proaches me,*
for I trust | in Your word.
- 43 And take not the word of truth
utterly out | of my mouth,*
for I have hoped in Your ordi- |
nances.

44 So shall I keep Your law con- |
tinually,*
forever and | ever.

45 And I will walk at | liberty,*
for I seek Your | precepts.

46 I will speak of Your testimonies
also be- | fore kings,*
and will not | be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in Your
com- | mandments,*
which | I love.

48 My hands also I will lift up to Your
commandments, | which I love,*
and I will meditate on Your |
statutes.

† ZAYIN



49 Remember the word to Your |
servant,*
upon which You have caused |
me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my af- | flic-
tion,*
for Your word has giv- | en me
life.

51 The proud have me in great de- |
rision,*
yet I do not turn aside | from
Your law.

52 I remembered Your judgments of
old, | O LORD,*
and have comforted | myself.

53 Indignation has taken | hold of
me*
because of the wicked, who
for- | sake Your law.

54 Your statutes have | been my
songs*
in the house of my | pilgrimage.

55 I remember Your name in the
night, | O LORD,*
and I | keep Your law.

56 This has be- | come mine,*
because I kept Your | precepts.

† HETH



57 You are my portion, | O LORD,*
I have said that I would | keep
Your words.

58 I entreated Your favor with my |
whole heart,*
Be merciful to me according | to
Your word.

59 I thought a- | bout my ways,*
and turned my feet to Your
testi- | monies.

60 I made haste, and did | not delay*
to keep Your com- | mandments.

61 The cords of the wicked have |
bound me,*
but I have not forgotten | Your
law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give |
thanks to You,*
because of Your righteous |
judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who | fear
You,*
and of those who keep Your |
precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of
Your | mercy;*
Teach me Your | statutes.



- 65 You have dealt well with Your servant, | O LORD,*
according | to Your word.
- 66 Teach me good judgment and | knowledge,*
for I believe Your com- | mand-
ments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I | went
astray,*
but now I | keep Your word.
- 68 You are good, and | do good;*
Teach me Your | statutes.
- 69 The proud have forged a lie a- |
gainst me,*
but I will keep Your precepts
with my | whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is as | fat as grease,*
but I delight | in Your law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been
af- | flicted,*
that I may learn Your | statutes.
- 72 The law of Your mouth is bet- |
ter to me*
than thousands of coins of gold
and | silver.



- 73 Your hands have made me and |
fashioned me;*
Give me understanding, that I
may learn Your com- | mand-
ments.

- 74 Those who fear You will be glad
when they | see me,*
because I have hoped | in Your
word.

- 75 I know, O LORD, that Your judg- |
ments are right,*
and that in faithfulness You
have af- | flicted me.

- 76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness
be for my | comfort,*
according to Your word to
Your | servant.

- 77 Let Your tender mercies come to
me, that | I may live;*
For Your law is | my delight.

- 78 Let the proud be ashamed, for
they treated me wrongfully with |
falsehood,*
But I will meditate on Your |
precepts.

- 79 Let those who fear You | turn to
me,*
those who know Your testi- |
monies.

- 80 Let my heart be blameless regard-
ing Your | statutes,*
that I may not | be ashamed.



- 81 My soul faints for Your sal- |
vation,*
but I hope | in Your word.
- 82 My eyes fail from search- | ing
Your word,*
saying, "When will You |
comfort me?"

83 For I have become like a wine- |
skin in smoke,*
yet I do not forget Your | stat-
utes.

84 How many are the days of Your |
servant?*

When will You execute judg-
ment on those who persec- | ute
me?

85 The proud have dug | pits for
me,*
which is not according | to Your
law.

86 All Your commandments are |
faithful,*
They persecute me wrongfully; |
Help me!

87 They almost made an end of me |
on earth,*
but I did not forsake Your |
precepts.

88 Revive me according to Your
loving- | kindness,*
so that I may keep the testi-
mony | of Your mouth.

Day 25, morning

♩ LAMED



89 Forever, | O LORD,*
Your word is settled in | heaven.

90 Your faithfulness endures to all
gene- | rations;*

You established the earth, and |
it abides.

91 They continue this day according
to Your | ordinances,*
for all are Your | servants.

92 Unless Your law had been | my
delight,*
I would then have perished in
my af- | fliction.

93 I will never forget Your |
precepts,*
for by them You have giv- | en
me life.

94 I am Yours, | save me;*

For I have sought Your |
precepts.

95 The wicked wait for me to de- |
stroy me,*
but I will consider Your testi- |
monies.

96 I have seen the consummation of
all per- | fection,*
but Your commandment is
exceed- | ingly broad.

♩ MEM



97 Oh, how I | love Your law!*

It is my meditation | all the day.

98 You, through Your command-
ments, make me wiser than my |
enemies;*

For they are ever | with me.

99 I have more understanding than
all my | teachers,*
for Your testimonies are my
medi- | tation.

100 I understand more than the |
ancients,*
because I keep Your | precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet from
every | evil way,
that I may | keep Your word.

102 I have not departed from Your |
judgments,*
for You Yourself have | taught
me.

103 How sweet are Your words | to my
taste,*
sweeter than honey | to my
mouth!

104 Through Your precepts I get
under- | standing;*
Therefore I hate every | false
way.

1 NUN



105 Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

106 I have sworn | and confirmed*
that I will keep Your righteous |
judgments.

107 I am afflicted | very much;*
Revive me, O LORD, according |
to Your word.

108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offer-
ings of my mouth, | O LORD,*
and teach me Your | judgments.

109 My life is continually | in my
hand,*
yet I do not for- | get Your law.

110 The wicked have laid a | snare for
me,*
yet I have not strayed from
Your | precepts.

111 Your testimonies I have taken as a
heritage for- | ever,*
for they are the rejoicing | of my
heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to
perform Your | statutes*
forever, to the | very end.

☩ SAMEK



113 I hate the double- | minded,*
but I | love Your law.

114 You are my hiding place | and my
shield;*
I hope | in Your word.

115 Depart from me, you evil- |
doers,*
for I will keep the command-
ments | of my God!

116 Uphold me according to Your
word, that | I may live;*
And do not let me be ashamed |
of my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I | shall be safe,*
and I shall observe Your statutes
con- | tinually.

118 You reject all those who stray from
Your | statutes,*
for their deceit is | falsehood.

119 You put away all the wicked of the
earth | like dross;*
Therefore I love Your testi- |
monies.

120 My flesh trembles for | fear of
You,*
and I am afraid of Your | judg-
ments.

Y AYIN



- 121 I have done justice and | righte-
ousness;*
Do not leave me to my op- |
pressors.
- 122 Be surety for Your ser- | vant for
good;*
Do not let the proud op- | press
me.
- 123 My eyes fail from seeking Your
sal- | vation*
and Your | righteous word.
- 124 Deal with Your servant according
to Your | mercy,*
and teach me Your | statutes.
- 125 I am Your servant; Give me
under- | standing,*
that I may know Your testi- |
monies.
- 126 It is time for You to act, | O
LORD,*
for they have regarded Your |
law as void.
- 127 Therefore I love Your com- |
mandments*
more than gold, yes, than | fine
gold!
- 128 Therefore all Your precepts
concerning all things I consider |
to be right;*
I hate every | false way.

Day 25, evening

PE



- 129 Your testimonies are | wonder-
ful;*
Therefore my soul | keeps them.
- 130 The entrance of Your words |
gives light;*
It gives understanding to the |
simple.
- 131 I opened my mouth and |
panted,*
for I longed for Your com- |
mandments.
- 132 Look upon me and be merci- | ful
to me,*
as Your custom is toward those
who | love Your name.
- 133 Direct my steps | by Your word,*
and let no iniquity have domin-
ion | over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppres- |
sion of man,*
that I may keep Your | precepts.
- 135 Make Your face shine upon Your |
servant,*
and teach me Your | statutes.
- 136 Rivers of water run down | from
my eyes,*
because men do not | keep Your
law.

TSADDE



- 137 Righteous are You, | O LORD,*
and upright are Your | judg-
ments.
- 138 Your testimonies, which You have
com- | manded,*
are righteous and very | faithful.
- 139 My zeal has con- | sumed me,*
because my enemies have
forgotten | Your words.
- 140 Your word is | very pure,*
Therefore Your servant | loves
it.
- 141 I am small | and despised,*
yet I do not forget Your |
precepts.
- 142 Your righteousness is an everlast-
ing | righteousness,*
and Your | law is truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have over- |
taken me,*
yet Your commandments are |
my delights.
- 144 The righteousness of Your testi-
monies is ever- | lasting,*
Give me understanding, and | I
shall live.

QOPH



- 145 I cry out with my whole heart;
Hear me, | O LORD!*
- I will keep Your | statutes.
- 146 I cry | out to You;*
- Save me, and I will keep Your
testi- | monies.

- 147 I rise before the dawning of the
morning, and | cry for help;*
- I hope | in Your word.

- 148 My eyes are awake through the
night | watches,*
that I may meditate | on Your
word.
- 149 Hear my voice according to Your
loving- | kindness;*
- O LORD, revive me according to
Your | justice.
- 150 They draw near who follow after |
wickedness;*
- They are far | from Your law.
- 151 You are near, | O LORD,*
and all Your command- | ments
are truth.
- 152 Concerning Your testi- | monies,*
I have known of old that You
have founded them for- | ever.

RESH



- 153 Consider my affliction and de- |
liver me,*
for I do not for- | get Your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and re- | deem
me;*
- Revive me according | to Your
word.
- 155 Salvation is far from the |
wicked,*
for they do not seek Your | stat-
utes.
- 156 Great are Your tender mercies, | O
LORD;*
- Revive me according to Your |
judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and my |
enemies,*
yet I do not turn from Your
testi- | monies.

158 I see the treacherous, and am
dis- | gusted,*
because they do not | keep Your
word.

159 Consider how I love Your |
precepts;*
Revive me, O LORD, according
to Your loving- | kindness.

160 The entirety of Your | word is
truth,*
and every one of Your righteous
judgments endures for- | ever.

♩ SHIN



161 Princes persecute me with- | out a
cause,*
but my heart stands in awe | of
Your word.

162 I rejoice | at Your word*
as one who finds great | trea-
sure.

163 I hate and abhor | lying,*
but I | love Your law.

164 Seven times a day I | praise You,*
because of Your righteous |
judgments.

165 Great peace have those who | love
Your law,*
and nothing causes them to |
stumble.

166 LORD, I hope for Your sal- |
vation,*
and I do Your com- | mand-
ments.

167 My soul keeps Your testi- |
monies,*
and I love them ex- | ceedingly.

168 I keep Your precepts and Your
testi- | monies,*
for all my ways are be- | fore
You.

♩ TAU



169 Let my cry come before You, | O
LORD;*
Give me understanding accord-
ing | to Your word.

170 Let my supplication come be- |
fore You;*
Deliver me according | to Your
word.

171 My lips shall | utter praise,*
for You teach me Your | statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak | of Your
word,*
for all Your commandments
are | righteousness.

173 Let Your hand be- | come my
help,*
for I have chosen Your |
precepts.

174 I long for Your salvation, | O
LORD,*
and Your law is | my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall |
praise You,*
And let Your judgments | help
me.

176 I have gone astray like a | lost
sheep,*
Seek Your servant, for I do not
forget Your com- | mandments.

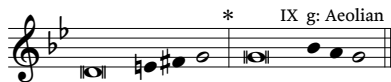
Day 26, morning

Psalm 120



- 1 In my distress I cried | to the
LORD,*
and He | heard me.
- 2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from |
lying lips*
and from a de- | ceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given to you, or
what shall be | done to you,*
you | false tongue?
- 4 Sharp arrows of the | warrior,*
with coals of the | broom tree!
- 5 Woe is me, that I dwell in |
Meshech,*
that I dwell among the tents | of
Kedar!
- 6 My soul has | dwelt too long*
with one who | hates peace.
- 7 I | am for peace;*
But when I speak, they | are for
war.

Psalm 121



- 1 I will lift up my eyes | to the
hills— *
From whence | comes my help?
- 2 My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made heav- | en and earth.
- 3 He will not allow your foot | to be
moved;*
He who keeps you will not |
slumber.

- 4 Behold, He who keeps | Israel*
shall neither slum- | ber nor
sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your | keeper;*
The LORD is your shade at
your | right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike | you by
day,*
nor the | moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from
all | evil,*
He shall pre- | serve your soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve your
going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth, and even
for- | evermore.

Psalm 122



- 1 I was glad when they | said to
me,*
“Let us go into the house | of
the LORD.”
- 2 Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusa-
lem!
- 3 Jerusa- | lem is built*
as a city that is compact to- |
gether,
- 4 Where the tribes go up, the
tribes | of the LORD,*
to the Testimony of Israel, to
give thanks to the name | of the
LORD.
- 5 For thrones are set there for |
judgment,*
the thrones of the house of |
David.

- 6 Pray for the peace of Je- | rusa-
lem:*

“May they prosper who | love
you.

- 7 Peace be with- | in your walls,*
prosperity within your |
palaces.”
- 8 For the sake of my brethren and
com- | panions,*
I will now say, “Peace be with- |
in you.”
- 9 Because of the house of the |
LORD our God*
I will | seek your good.

Psalm 123



- 1 Unto You I lift | up my eyes,*
O You who dwell in the | heav-
ens.
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand
of her | mistress,*
So our eyes look to the LORD our
God, until He has mercy | on us.
- 3 Have mercy on us, O LORD, have
mer- | cy on us!*
- For we are exceedingly filled |
with contempt.
- 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with
the scorn of those who | are at
ease,*
with the contempt | of the
proud.

Psalm 124



- 1 “If it had not been the LORD who
was | on our side,”*
let Isra- | el now say—
- 2 “If it had not been the LORD who
was on our side, when men rose
up a- | gainst us,*
- 3 Then they would have swal-
lowed us alive, when their wrath
was kindled a- | gainst us;
- 4 Then the waters would have
over- | whelmed us,*
the stream would have gone o- |
ver our soul;
- 5 Then the swollen | waters*
would have gone o- | ver our
soul.”
- 6 Blessed | be the LORD,*
who has not given us as prey |
to their teeth.
- 7 Our soul has escaped as 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 heav- | en and earth.

Psalm 125



- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are
like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but
abides for- | ever.
- 2 As the mountains surround Jeru-
salem, so the LORD surrounds
His | people*
from this time forth and for- |
ever.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall
not rest on the land allotted to
the | righteous,*
lest the righteous reach out their
hands to in- | iquity.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to those | who
are good,*
and to those who are upright |
in their hearts.
- 5 As for such as turn aside to their |
crooked ways,*
the LORD shall lead them away
with the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon | Israel!

Day 26, evening

Psalm 126



- 1 When the LORD brought back the
captivity of | Zion,*
we were like | those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with
laughter, and our tongue with |
singing.*
Then they said among the
nations, "The LORD has done
great | things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great | things
for us,*
and | we are glad.
- 4 Bring back our captivity, | O
LORD,*
as the streams | in the South.
- 5 Those who | sow in tears*
shall | reap in joy.
- 6 He who continually goes forth
weeping, bearing seed for |
sowing,*
Shall doubtless come again with
rejoicing, bringing his | sheaves
with him.

Psalm 127



- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house,
they labor in vain who | build it; *
Unless the LORD guards the city,
the watchman stays a- | wake
in vain.
- 2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
to sit up late, to eat the bread of |
sorrows; *
For so He gives His be- | loved
sleep.
- 3 Behold, children are a heritage |
from the LORD, *
the fruit of the womb is | a
reward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a |
warrior, *
so are the children | of one's
youth.
- 5 Happy is the man who has his
quiver full of them; They shall
not | be ashamed, *
but shall speak with their
enemies | in the gate.

Psalm 128



- 1 Blessed is every one who | fears
the LORD, *
who walks | in His ways.
- 2 When you eat the labor | of your
hands, *
you shall be happy, and it shall
be | well with you.

- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful
vine in the very heart | of your
house, *
your children like olive plants all
around your | table.
- 4 Behold, thus shall the | man be
blessed *
who | fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you out of |
Zion, *
and may you see the good of
Jerusalem all the days | of your
life.
- 6 Yes, may you see your children's |
children. *
Peace be upon | Israel!

Psalm 129



- 1 "Many a time they have afflicted
me from my youth," let Isra- | el
now say— *
- 2 "Many a time they have afflicted
me from my youth; Yet they
have not prevailed a- | gainst
me.
- 3 The plowers plowed | on my
back; *
They made their | furrows
long."
- 4 The LORD is | righteous; *
He has cut in pieces the cords of
the | wicked.
- 5 Let all those who hate | Zion *
be put to shame | and turned
back.
- 6 Let them be as the grass on the |
housetops, *
which withers before it | grows
up,

7 With which the reaper does not |
fill his hand,*
nor he who binds sheaves, | his
arms.

8 Neither let those who pass | by
them say,*
"The blessing of the LORD be
upon you; we bless you in the
name | of the LORD!"

Psalm 130



1 Out of the depths I have cried to
You, | O LORD;*

2 LORD, hear my voice! Let Your
ears be attentive to the voice of
my suppli- | cations.

3 If You, LORD, should mark in- |
iquities,*
O LORD, | who could stand?

4 But there is forgive- | ness with
You,*
that You | may be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my | soul
waits,*
and in His word | I do hope.

6 My soul waits | for the LORD*
more than those who watch for
the morning—Yes, more than
those who watch for the | morn-
ing.

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; for
with the LORD there is | mercy,*
and with Him is abundant re- |
demption.

8 And He shall redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.

Psalm 131



1 LORD, my heart is not haughty,
nor my eyes | lofty.*
Neither do I concern myself with
great matters, nor with things
too pro- | found for me.

2 Surely I have calmed and quiet- |
ed my soul,*
like a weaned child with his
mother; like a weaned child is
my soul with- | in me.

3 O Israel, hope | in the LORD*
from this time forth and for- |
ever.

Psalm 132



1 LORD, remember | David*
and all his af- | flictions;

2 How he swore | to the LORD,*
and vowed to the Mighty One
of | Jacob:

3 "Surely I will not go into the
chamber | of my house,*
or go up to the comfort | of my
bed;

4 I will not give sleep | to my eyes*
or slumber to my | eyelids,

5 Until I find a place | for the
LORD,*
a dwelling place for the Mighty
One of | Jacob."

6 Behold, we heard of it in | Ephra-
thah;*
We found it in the fields | of the
woods.

7 Let us go into His taber- | nacle;*
Let us worship at His | footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, to Your | resting
place,*
you and the ark | of Your
strength.

9 Let Your priests be clothed with |
righteousness,*
and let Your saints | shout for
joy.

10 For Your servant | David's sake,*
do not turn away the face of
Your A- | nointed.

11 The LORD has sworn in truth to
David; He will not | turn from it:.*
"I will set upon your throne the
fruit of your | body.

12 If your sons will keep My cove-
nant and My testimony which I
shall | teach them,*
their sons also shall sit upon
your throne for- | evermore."

13 For the LORD has chosen | Zion;.*
He has desired it for His | dwell-
ing place:

14 "This is My resting place for- |
ever;.*
Here I will dwell, for I have de- |
sired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her pro- |
vision;.*
I will satisfy her | poor with
bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with
sal- | vation,*
and her saints shall shout a- |
loud for joy.

17 There I will make the horn of |
David grow;.*
I will prepare a lamp for My A- |
nointed.

18 His enemies I will | clothe with
shame,*
but upon Himself His crown
shall | flourish."

Day 27, morning

Psalm 133



- 1 Behold, how good and how
pleas- | ant it is*
for brethren to dwell together
in | unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon
the head, running down | on the
beard,*
the beard of Aaron, running
down on the edge of his |
garments.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
descending upon the mountains
of | Zion;.*
For there the LORD commanded
the blessing—life for- | ever-
more.

Psalm 134



- 1 Behold, bless the LORD, all you
servants | of the LORD,*
who by night stand in the
house | of the LORD!
- 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctu- |
ary,*
and | bless the LORD.
- 3 The LORD who made | heaven
and earth*
bless you from | Zion!

Psalm 135



- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the name |
of the LORD,*
Praise Him, O you servants | of
the LORD!
- 2 You who stand in the house | of
the LORD,*
in the courts of the house | of
our God,
- 3 Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is
good,*
Sing praises to His name, for it
is | pleasant.
- 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob |
for Himself,*
Israel for His special | treasure.
- 5 For I know that the | LORD is
great,*
and our Lord is a- | bove all
gods.
- 6 Whatever the LORD pleases He
does, in heaven | and in earth,*
in the seas and in all deep |
places.
- 7 He causes the vapors to ascend
from the ends | of the earth,*
He makes lightning for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His |
treasuries.
- 8 He destroyed the firstborn of |
Egypt,*
both of | man and beast.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders into
the midst of you, O | Egypt,*
upon Pharaoh and all his |
servants.
- 10 He defeated many | nations*
and slew | mighty kings—

- 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og
king of | Bashan,*
and all the kingdoms of |
Canaan—
- 12 And gave their land as a | heri-
tage,*
a heritage to Israel His | people.
- 13 Your name, O LORD, endures
for- | ever,*
Your fame, O LORD, throughout
all gene- | rations.
- 14 For the LORD will judge His |
people,*
and He will have compassion on
His | servants.
- 15 The idols of the nations are sil- |
ver and gold,*
the work | of men's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they | do
not speak,*
Eyes they have, but they | do
not see;
- 17 They have ears, but they | do not
hear,*
Nor is there any breath | in their
mouths.
- 18 Those who make them are | like
them;*
So is everyone who | trusts in
them.
- 19 Bless the LORD, O house of |
Israel!*
Bless the LORD, O house of |
Aaron!
- 20 Bless the LORD, O house of |
Levi!*
You who fear the LORD, | bless
the LORD!
- 21 Blessed be the LORD out of |
Zion,*
who dwells in Jerusalem! |
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 136



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- 21 And gave their land as a | heri-
tage,
For His mercy endures for- |
ever;
- 22 A heritage to Israel His | servant,
For His mercy endures for- |
ever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our |
lowly state,
For His mercy endures for- |
ever;
- 24 And rescued us from our |
enemies,
For His mercy endures for- |
ever;
- 25 Who gives food | to all flesh,
For His mercy endures for- |
ever.
- 26 Oh, give thanks to the | God of
heaven!
For His mercy endures for- |
ever.

Psalm 137



- 1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we
sat down, | yea, we wept*
when we remembered | Zion.
- 2 We | hung our harps*
upon the willows in the | midst
of it.
- 3 For there those who carried | us
away*
captive asked of | us a song,
and those who plundered us re- |
quested mirth,*
saying, "Sing us one of the
songs of | Zion!"

- 4 How shall we sing the | LORD's
song*
in a | foreign land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Je- | rusalem,*
let my right hand for- | get its
skill!
- 6 If I do not remember you, let my
tongue cling to the roof | of my
mouth—*
if I do not exalt Jerusalem above
my | chief joy.
- 7 Remember, O LORD, against the
sons of Edom the day of Je- | rusa-
lem,*
who said, "Raze it, raze it, to its
very founda- | tion!"
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, who are
to | be destroyed,*
happy the one who repays you as
you have | served us!
- 9 Hap- | py the one*
who takes and dashes your little
ones a- | gainst the rock!

Psalm 138



- 1 I will praise You with my | whole
heart,*
Before the gods I will sing
prais- | es to You.
- 2 I will worship toward Your holy
temple, and praise Your name for
Your lovingkindness | and Your
truth,*
For You have magnified Your
word above | all Your name.
- 3 In the day when I cried out, You |
answered me,*
and made me bold with
strength | in my soul.

- 4 All the kings of the earth shall
praise You, | O LORD,*
when they hear the words | of
Your mouth.
- 5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways |
of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the
LORD.
- 6 Though the LORD is on high, yet
He regards the | lowly;*
but the proud He knows | from
afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, You will re- | vive me;*
You will stretch out Your
hand against the wrath of my
enemies, and Your right hand
will | save me.
- 8 The LORD will perfect that which
con- | cerns me;*
Your mercy, O LORD, endures
forever; Do not forsake the
works | of Your hands.

Psalm 139



- 1 O LORD, You have searched me
and | known me.*
- 2 You know my sitting down and
my rising up; You understand
my thought a- | far off.
- 3 You comprehend my path and
my | lying down,*
and are acquainted with | all my
ways.
- 4 For there is not a word | on my
tongue,*
but behold, O LORD, You know
it alto- | gether.
- 5 You have hedged me behind | and
before,*
and laid Your hand up- | on me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonder-
ful | for me;*
It is high, I cannot at- | tain it.
- 7 Where can I go from Your |
Spirit?*
- 8 If I ascend into heaven, | You are
there;*
If I make my bed in hell,
behold, | You are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the | morn-
ing,*
and dwell in the uttermost
parts | of the sea,
- 10 Even there Your hand shall | lead
me,*
and Your right hand shall | hold
me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness
shall | fall on me,"*
even the night shall be light a- |
bout me;
- 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not |
hide from You,*
but the night shines as the day;
the darkness and the light are
both a- | like to You.
- 13 For You formed my | inward
parts;*
- 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully
and won- | derfully made;*
- Marvelous are Your works, and
that my soul knows | very well.

- 9 "As for the head of those who
sur- | round me,*
let the evil of their lips | cover
them;
- 10 Let burning coals fall upon them;
let them be cast in- | to the fire,*
into deep pits, that they rise
not | up again.
- 11 Let not a slanderer be estab-
lished | in the earth,*
Let evil hunt the violent man to
over- | throw him."
- 12 I know that the LORD will main-
tain the cause of the af- | flicted,*
and justice | for the poor.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall give
thanks | to Your name;*
The upright shall dwell in
Your | presence.

Psalms 141



- 1 LORD, I cry | out to You,*
Make haste to me! Give ear to
my voice when I cry | out to
You.
- 2 Let my prayer be set before You
as | incense,*
The lifting up of my hands as
the evening | sacrifice.
- 3 Set a guard, O LORD, o- | ver my
mouth;*
Keep watch over the door | of
my lips.
- 4 Do not incline my heart to any
evil thing, to practice | wicked
works*
with men who work iniquity;
And do not let me eat of their
de- | licacies.

- 5 Let the righteous strike me; It
shall be a kindness. And let him
re- | buke me,*
It shall be as ex- | cellent oil;
Let my head not re- | fuse it.*
For still my prayer is against the
deeds of the | wicked.
- 6 Their judges are overthrown by
the sides | of the cliff,*
and they hear my words, for |
they are sweet.
- 7 Our bones are scattered at the
mouth | of the grave,*
as when one plows and breaks |
up the earth.
- 8 But my eyes are upon You, O God
the LORD; In You I take | refuge;*
Do not leave my soul | destitute.
- 9 Keep me from the snares they
have | laid for me,*
and from the traps of the work-
ers of in- | iquity.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into | their
own nets,*
while I escape | safely.

Day 28, evening

Psalms 142



- 1 I cry out to the LORD | with my
voice,*
With my voice to the LORD I
make my suppli- | cation.
- 2 I pour out my complaint be- | fore
Him,*
I declare before Him my | trou-
ble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed
within me, then You | knew my
path.*

In the way in which I walk they
have secretly set a | snare for
me.

4 Look on my right hand and see,
for there is no one who acknowl- |
edges me;*

Refuge has failed me; No one
cares | for my soul.

5 I cried out to You, | O LORD:*

I said, "You are my refuge, my
portion in the land of the |
living.

6 Attend to my cry, for I am
brought | very low;*

Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are stron- | ger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I
may | praise Your name;*

The righteous shall surround
me, for You shall deal bounti- |
fully with me."

Psalm 143



1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear
to my suppli- | cations!*

In Your faithfulness answer me,
and in Your | righteousness.

2 Do not enter into judgment with
Your | servant,*

for in Your sight no one living
is | righteous.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my
soul; He has crushed my life | to
the ground;*

He has made me dwell in dark-
ness, like those who have | long
been dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is over-
whelmed with- | in me;*

My heart within me | is
distressed.

5 I remember the days of old; I
meditate on | all Your works;*

I muse on the work | of Your
hands.

6 I spread out my | hands to You;*

My soul longs for You like a |
thirsty land.

7 Answer me speedily, O LORD;

My | spirit fails!*

Do not hide Your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down
in- | to the pit.

8 Cause me to hear Your loving-
kindness in the morning, for in
You | do I trust;*

Cause me to know the way in
which I should walk, for I lift up
my | soul to You.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my |
enemies;*

In You I take | shelter.

10 Teach me to do Your will, for

You | are my God;*

Your Spirit is good. lead me in
the land of up- | rightness.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for Your |
name's sake!*

For Your righteousness' sake
bring my soul out of | trouble.

12 In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
and destroy all those who af- |
flict my soul;*

For I am Your | servant.

Psalm 144



- 1 Blessed be the | LORD my Rock,*
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for | battle—
- 2 My lovingkindness and my
fortress, my high tower and my
de- | liverer,*
my shield and the One in whom
I take refuge, who subdues my
people | under me.
- 3 LORD, what is man, that You take
know- | ledge of him?*
- Or the son of man, that You are
mind- | ful of him?
- 4 Man is | like a breath;*
- His days are like a passing |
shadow.
- 5 Bow down Your heavens, O
LORD, | and come down;*
- Touch the mountains, and |
they shall smoke.
- 6 Flash forth lightning and | scatter
them;*
- Shoot out Your arrows and de- |
stroy them.
- 7 Stretch out Your hand | from
above;*
- Rescue me and deliver me out of
great waters, from the hand of |
foreigners,
- 8 Whose mouth speaks | lying
words,*
and whose right hand is a right
hand of | falsehood.
- 9 who delivers David His servant
from the | deadly sword.
- 11 Rescue me and deliver me from
the hand of | foreigners,*
whose mouth speaks lying
words, and whose right hand is a
right hand of | falsehood—*
- 12 That our sons may be as plants
grown up | in their youth;*
- That our daughters may be as
pillars, sculptured in | palace
style;
- 13 That our barns may be full,
supplying all kinds of | produce;*
- That our sheep may bring forth
thousands and ten thousands |
in our fields;
- 14 That our oxen may be well |
laden;*
- That there be no breaking in
or going out; That there be no
outcry | in our streets.
- 15 Happy are the people who are in |
such a state;*
- Happy are the people whose
God | is the LORD!

Day 29, evening

Psalm 145



- 1 I will extol You, my God, | O King;*
And I will bless Your name
forever and | ever.
- 2 Every day I will | bless You,*
and I will praise Your name
forever and | ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly | to
be praised;*
And His greatness is un- |
searchable.
- 4 One generation shall praise Your
works to a- | nother,*
and shall declare Your | mighty
acts.
- 5 I will meditate on the glorious
splendor of Your | majesty,*
and on Your | wondrous works.
- 6 Men shall speak of the might of
Your | awesome acts,*
and I will declare Your | great-
ness.
- 7 They shall utter the memory of
Your great | goodness,*
and shall sing of Your | righ-
teousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of
com- | passion,*
slow to anger and great in |
mercy.
- 9 The LORD is | good to all,*
and His tender mercies are
over | all His works.

- 10 All Your works shall praise You, |
O LORD,*
and Your saints shall | bless
You.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of
Your | kingdom,*
and talk | of Your power,
- 12 To make known to the sons of
men His | mighty acts,*
and the glorious majesty of His |
kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting |
kingdom,*
and Your dominion endures
throughout all gene- | rations.
- 14 The LORD upholds | all who fall,*
and raises up all who | are
bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look expectant- | ly
to You,*
and You give them their food in
due | season.
- 16 You o- | pen Your hand*
and satisfy the desire of every |
living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in | all His
ways,*
gracious in | all His works.
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call
up- | on Him,*
to all who call upon | Him in
truth.
- 19 He will fulfill the desire of those
who | fear Him;*
He also will hear their cry and |
save them.
- 20 The LORD preserves all who | love
Him,*
but all the wicked He | will
destroy.

- 21 My mouth shall speak the praise |
of the LORD,*
and all flesh shall bless His holy
name forever and | ever.

Day 30, morning

Psalm 146



- 1 - | Praise the LORD!*
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- 2 While I live I will | praise the
LORD;*
I will sing praises to my God
while I have my | being.
- 3 Do not put your trust in |
princes,*
nor in a son of man, in whom
there | is no help.
- 4 His spirit departs, he returns | to
his earth;*
In that very day his plans |
perish.
- 5 Happy is he who has the God of
Jacob | for his help,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his
God,
- 6 Who made heaven and earth, the
sea, and all that | is in them;*
Who keeps truth for- | ever,
- 7 Who executes justice for the
oppressed, who gives food to the |
hungry.*
The LORD gives freedom to the |
prisoners.
- 8 The LORD opens the eyes of the
blind; The LORD raises those who
are | bowed down;*
The LORD loves the | righteous.

- 9 The LORD watches over the
strangers; He relieves the father-
less and | widow;*
But the way of the wicked He
turns | upside down.

- 10 The LORD shall reign for- |
ever—*
your God, O Zion, to all genera-
tions. | Praise the LORD!

Day 30, evening

Psalm 147



- 1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to
sing praises | to our God;*
For it is pleasant, and praise is |
beautiful.
- 2 The LORD builds up Je- | rusa-
lem,*
He gathers together the outcasts
of | Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number | of the
stars;*
He calls them | all by name.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and migh- | ty
in power;*
His understanding is | infinite.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
He casts the wicked down | to
the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanks- |
giving;*
Sing praises on the harp | to our
God,

8 Who covers the heavens with
clouds, who prepares rain | for the
earth,*

who makes grass to grow on
the | mountains.

9 He gives to the | beast its food,*
and to the young ra- | vens that
cry.

10 He does not delight in the
strength | of the horse;*
He takes no pleasure in the
legs | of a man.

11 The LORD takes pleasure in those
who | fear Him,*
in those who hope in His |
mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*
Praise your God, O | Zion!

13 For He has strengthened the bars |
of your gates;*
He has blessed your children
with- | in you.

14 He makes peace in your |
borders,*
and fills you with the | finest
wheat.

15 He sends out His command | to
the earth;*
His word runs very | swiftly.

16 He gives | snow like wool;*
He scatters the frost like | ashes;

17 He casts out His hail like |
morsels;*
Who can stand be- | fore His
cold?

18 He sends out His word and | melts
them;*
He causes His wind to blow, and
the | waters flow.

19 He declares His word to | Jacob,*
His statutes and His judgments
to | Israel.

20 He has not dealt thus with any |
nation;*
And as for His judgments, they
have not known them. | Praise
the LORD!

Day 31, morning

Psalm 148



1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD
from the | heavens;*
Praise Him | in the heights!

2 Praise Him, all His | angels;*
Praise Him, | all His hosts!

3 Praise Him, | sun and moon;*
Praise Him, all you | stars of
light!

4 Praise Him, you heavens of |
heavens,*
and you waters above the |
heavens!

5 Let them praise the name | of the
LORD,*
for He commanded and they
were cre- | ated.

6 He also established them forever
and | ever;*
He made a decree which shall
not | pass away.

7 Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
you great sea creatures and | all
the depths;

8 Fire and hail, | snow and clouds;*
Stormy wind, fulfil- | ling His
word;

- 9 Mountains | and all hills;*
Fruitful trees and all | cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all | cattle;*
Creeping things and | flying
fowl;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all |
peoples;*
Princes and all judges | of the
earth;
- 12 Both young men and | maidens;*
Old men and | children.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the
LORD, for His name alone is ex- |
alted;*
His glory is above the | earth
and heaven.
- 14 And He has exalted the horn of
His | people,*
The praise of all His saints—Of
the children of Israel, a people
near to Him. | Praise the LORD!

Day 31, evening

Psalm 149



- 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD
a | new song,*
and His praise in the assem- |
bly of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their | Maker;*
Let the children of Zion be
joyful | in their King.
- 3 Let them praise His name | with
the dance;*
Let them sing praises to Him
with the tim- | brel and harp.

- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in
His | people;
He will beautify the humble
with sal- | vation.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful in | glory;*
Let them sing aloud | on their
beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be | in
their mouth,*
and a two-edged sword | in their
hand,
- 7 To execute vengeance on the |
nations,*
and punishments on the |
peoples;
- 8 To bind their | kings with
chains,*
and their nobles with fetters of |
iron;
- 9 To execute on them the written |
judgment—*
this honor have all His saints. |
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150



- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in His
sanctu- | ary;*
Praise Him in His mighty |
firmament!
- 2 Praise Him for His | mighty acts;*
Praise Him according to His
excellent | greatness!
- 3 Praise Him with the sound of the |
trumpet;*
Praise Him with the | lute and
harp!

- 4 Praise Him with the tim- | brel
and dance;*
- Praise Him with stringed
instru- | ments and flutes!
- 5 Praise Him with loud | cymbals;*
- Praise Him with clashing |
cymbals!
- 6 Let everything | that has breath*
praise the LORD. | Praise the
LORD!

HYMNS, SEQUENCES, AND OTHER CHANTS

Advent

Creator of the Stars of Night

7th cent.

trans. John Mason Neale

Plainsong

Conditor almae siderum



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Thy peo-ple's ev-er-last-ing light,



Je-sus, Re-deem-er, save us all, Hear Thou Thy ser-vants when they call.




A - men.

2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse | Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the med'cine, full of grace, | to save and heal a ruined race.
3. Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride, | As drew the world to evening-tide;
Proceeding from a virgin shrine, | The spotless Victim all divine.
4. At Thy great name, exalted now, | All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things in heaven and earth adore, | And own Thee King for evermore.
5. To Thee, O Holy One, we pray, | Our Judge in that tremendous day,
Ward off, while yet we dwell below, | The weapons of our crafty foe.
6. To God the Father, God the Son, | And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might and glory be | From age to age eternally.
Amen.


High Word of God, Who Once Didst Come

10th cent.
trans. C. B.


Plainsong
Verbum supernum Prodiens



1. High Word of God, who once didst come, Leav - ing Thy



Fa - ther and Thy home, To suc - cor by Thy birth our kind,



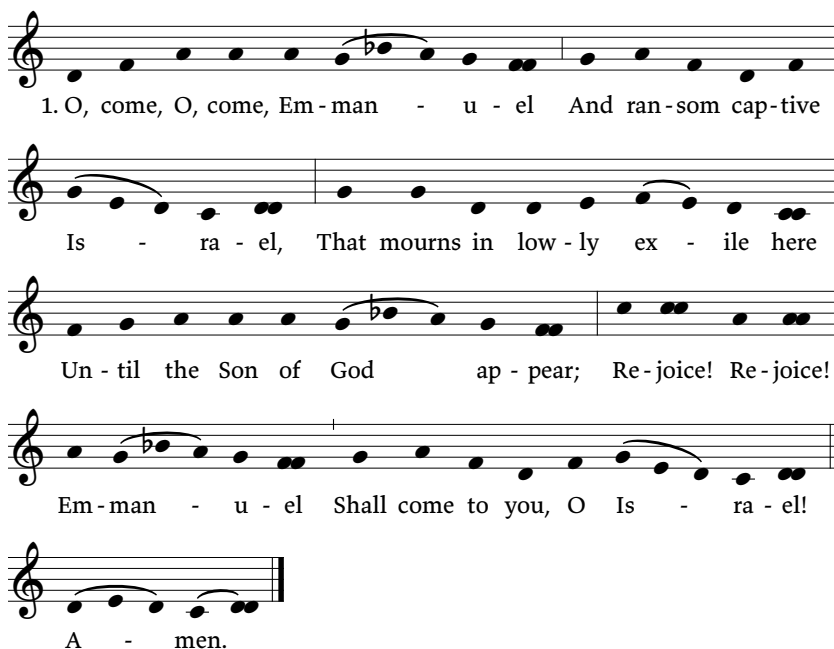
When, towards Thy ad - vent time de - clined. A - men.

2. Pour light upon us from above, | And fire our hearts with Thy strong love,
That, as we hear Thy Gospel read, | All fond desires may flee in dread.
3. That when Thou comest from the skies, | Great Judge, to open Thine assize,
To give each hidden sin its smart, | And crown as kings the pure in heart.
4. We be not set at Thy left hand, | Where sentence due would bid us stand,
But with the saints Thy face may see, | Forever wholly loving Thee.
5. Praise to the Father and the Son, | Through all the ages as they run;
And to the Holy Paraclete | Be praise with them and worship meet.
Amen.

O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel

trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong
Veni, veni Immanuel



1. O, come, O, come, Em-man - u - el And ran-som cap-tive
Is - ra - el, That mourns in low - ly ex - ile here
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear; Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
A - men.

2. O, come, our Wisdom from on high, | Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, | and teach us in her ways to go. *Rejoice...*
3. O, come, O, come, our Lord of might, | who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times gave holy law, | In cloud and majesty and awe. *Rejoice...*
4. O, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, | From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust Your mighty pow'r to save; | Bring them in vict'ry through the
grave. *Rejoice...*
5. O, come, O Key of David come, | and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, | And close the path to misery. *Rejoice...*
6. O, come, our Dayspring from on high, | And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, | And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice...
7. O, come, Desire of nations, bind | In one the hearts of all mankind;
O, bid our sad divisions cease, | And be Yourself our King of Peace. *Rejoice...*

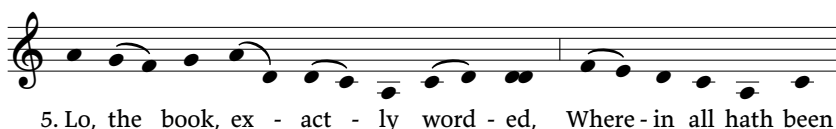
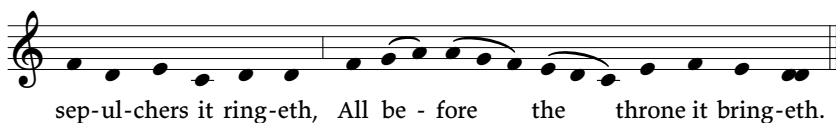
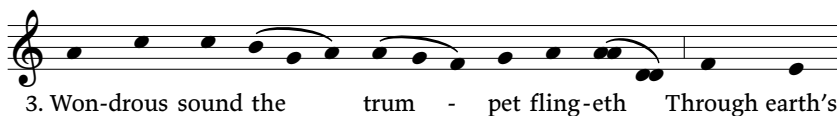
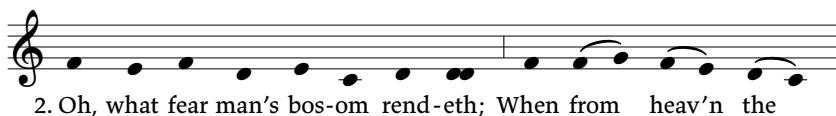
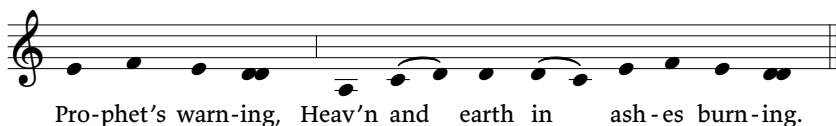
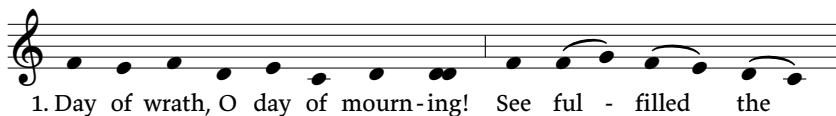
Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning

Thomas de Celano, c. 1250

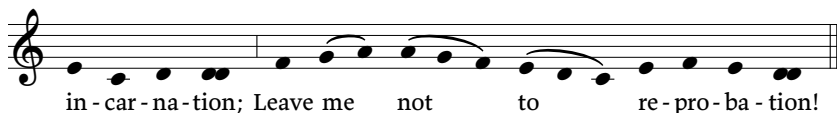
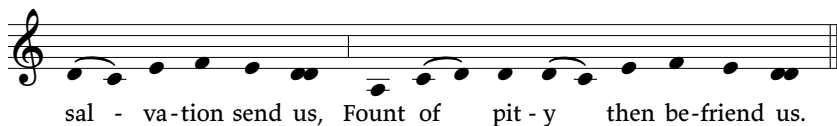
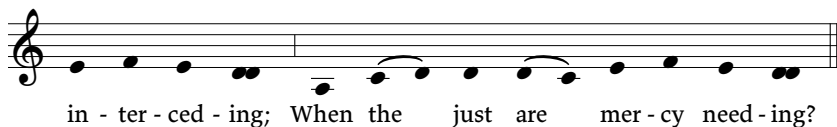
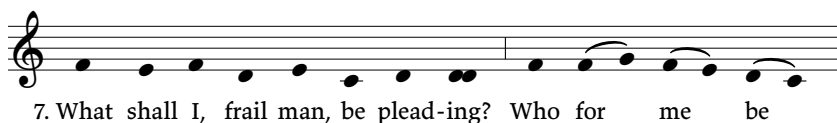
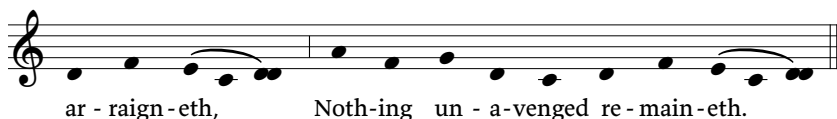
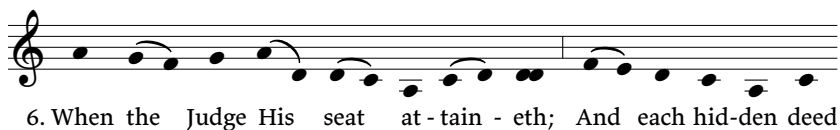
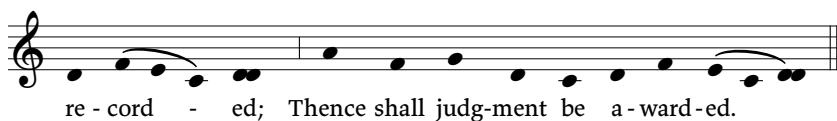
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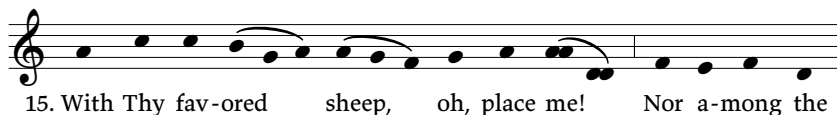
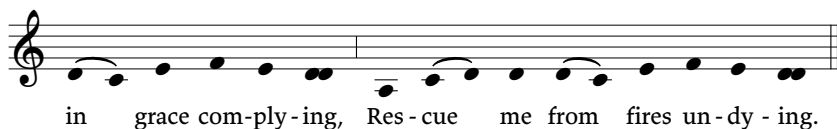
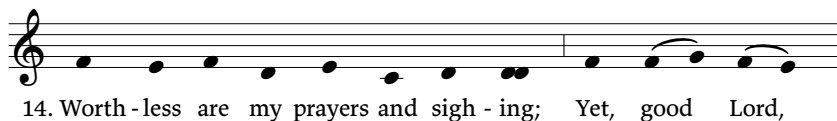
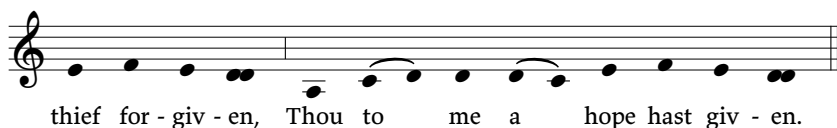
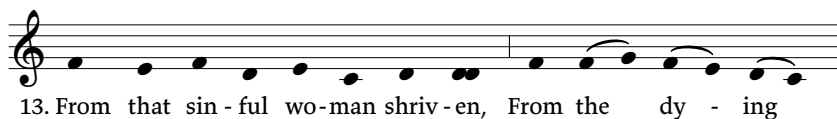
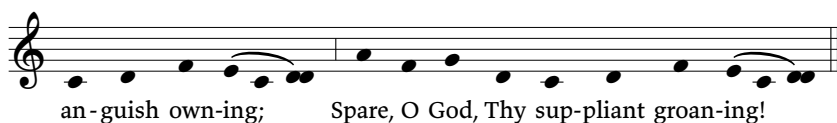
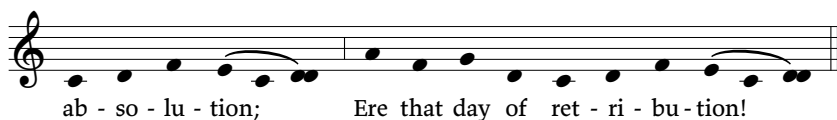
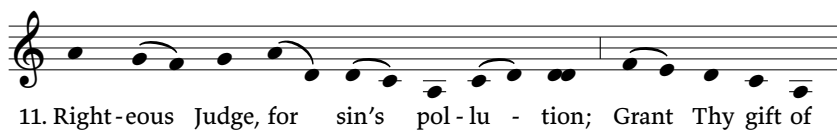
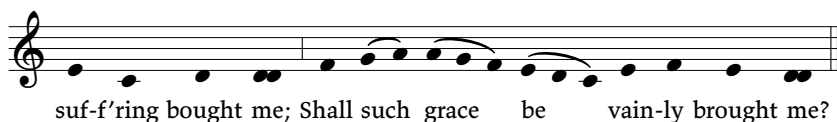
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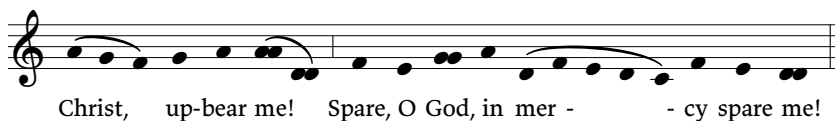
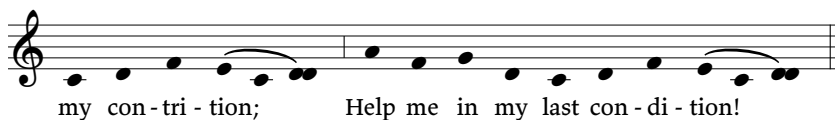
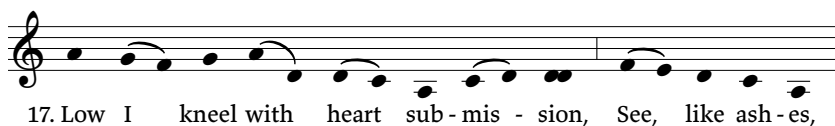
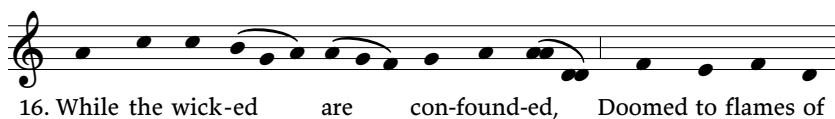
Dies irae, dies illa



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Christmas

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

10th century
trans. C. B.

Plainsong
Veni Redemptor gentium

1. Come, Thou Re-deem-er of the earth, And man-i-fest
Thy vir-gin birth; Let eve-ry age a-dor-ing fall;
Such birth be-fits the God of all. A-men.

2. Begotten of no human will, | But of the Spirit Thou are still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, | The promised fruit to man displayed.
3. The virgin womb that burden gained | With virgin honor all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow; | God in His temple dwells below.
4. Forth from His chamber goeth He, | That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one, | Rejoicing now His course to run.
5. From God the Father He proceeds, | To God the Father back He speeds;
His course He runs to death and hell, | Returning on God's throne to dwell.
6. O equal to Thy Father, Thou! | Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state | With deathless might invigorate.
7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, | And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, | And twilight never intervene.
8. All laud to God the Father be, | All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory, as is ever meet, | To God the Holy Paraclete.
Amen.

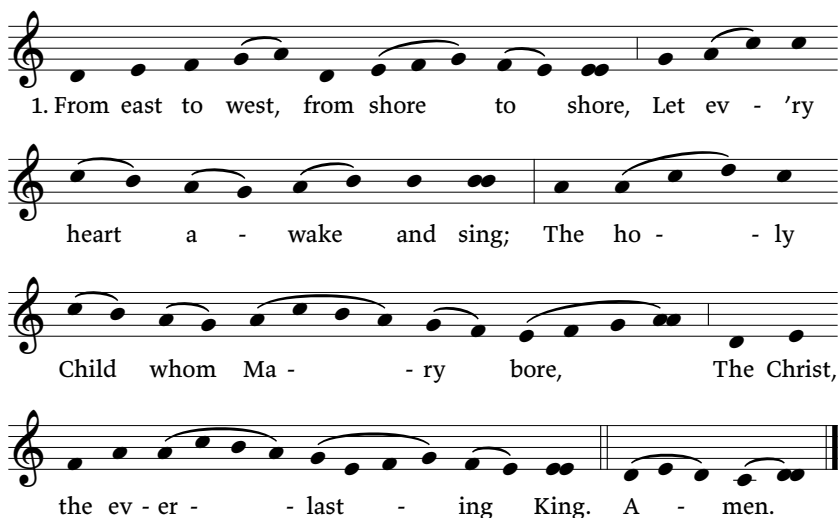
From East to West, from Shore to Shore

Coelis Sedulius, c. 450

trans. J. Ellerton, alt.

Plainsong

A solis ortus cardine



1. From east to west, from shore to shore, Let ev - 'ry
heart a - wake and sing; The ho - - ly
Child whom Ma - - ry bore, The Christ,
the ev - er - - last - ing King. A - men.

2. Behold, the world's Creator wears | The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares, | His fallen creature, man, to save.
3. For this how wondrously He wrought! | A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became in ways beyond all thought, | The chosen vessel of His grace.
4. She bowed her to the angel's word | Declaring what the Father willed,
And suddenly the promised Lord | That pure and hallowed temple filled.
5. He shrank not from the oxen's stall, | He lay within the manger bed,
And He, whose bounty feedeth all, | At Mary's breast Himself was fed.
6. And while the angels in the sky | Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord most high, | The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
7. All glory for this blessed morn | To God the Father ever be;
All praise to Thee, O Virgin-born, | All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee.
Amen.

Jesus, the Father's Only Son

6th cent.

trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong

Christe Redemptor omnium

1. Je - sus the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
Whose death for al re - demp - tion won;
Be - fore the worlds, of God most high,
Be-got - ten all in - ef - ab - ly. A - men.

2. The Father's light and splendor Thou, | Their endless hope to Thee that bow;
Accept the prayers and praise today | That through the world Thy servants pay.
3. Salvation's author, call to mind | How, taking form of humankind,
Born of a virgin undefiled, | Thou in man's flesh became a child.
4. Thus testifies the present day, | Through every year in long array,
That Thou, salvation's source alone, | Proceedest from the Father's throne.
5. Whence sky, and stars, and sea's abyss, | And earth, and all that therein is,
Shall still, with laud and carol meet, | The Author of Thine advent greet.
6. And we who, by Thy precious blood | From sin redeemed, are marked for God,
On this the day that saw Thy birth, | Sing the new song of ransomed earth.
7. For that Thine advent glory be, | O Jesus, virgin born, to Thee;
With Father, and with Holy Ghost, | From men and from the heavenly host.
Amen.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Claudius Prudentius, c. 413
trans. John Mason Neale, 1854
and Henry Baker, 1861

Plainsong, 12th cent.
Divinium mysterium



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got - ten Ere the worlds be-gan to be,



He is Al-pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing, He;



Of the things that are, that have been, And that



fu - ture years shall see; Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

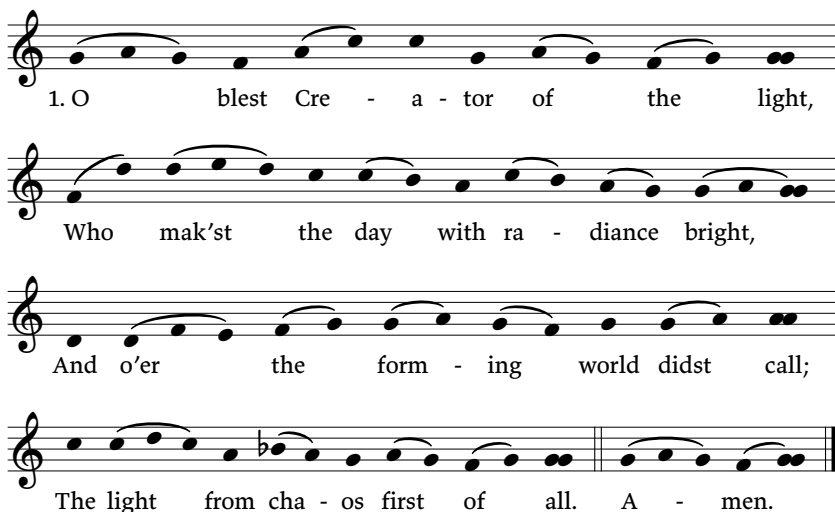
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed | When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, | Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, | First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
3. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; | Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, | Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
4. This is He whom heav'n-taught singers | Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets | Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected; | Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.
5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, | And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving | And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, | And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

Epiphany

O Blest Creator of the Light

6th cent.
trans. John Mason Neale

Plainsong
Lucis Creator optime



1. O blest Cre - a - tor of the light,
Who mak'st the day with ra - diance bright,
And o'er the form - ing world didst call;
The light from cha - os first of all. A - men.

2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array |
The morn and eve, and named them Day;
Night comes with all its darkling fears; | Regard Thy people's prayers and tears.
- 3 Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife, | They lose the gift of endless life;
While thinking but the thoughts of time, |
They weave new chains of woe and crime.
4. But grant them grace that they may strain |
The heavenly gate and prize to gain;
Each harmful lure aside to cast, | And purge away each error past.
5. O Father, that we ask be done, | Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, | Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.

Why, Impious Herod, Shouldst Thou Fear

C. Sedulius, c. 450
trans. P. D.

Plainsong
Hostis Herodes impie

1. Why, im - pi - ous Her - od shouldst thou fear,
Be - cause the Christ is come so near? He who doth
heav'n - ly king - doms grant; Thine earth - ly
realm can nev - er want. A - men.

2. Lo, sages from the East are gone | To where the star hath newly shone.
Led on by light to Light they press, | And by their gifts their God confess.
3. The Lamb of God is manifest | Again in Jordan's water blest,
And He who sin had never known | By washing hath our sins undone.
4. Yet He that ruleth everything | Can change the nature of the spring
And gives at Cana this for sign, | The water reddens into wine.
5. Then glory, Lord, to Thee we pay | For Thine Epiphany today;
All glory through eternity | To Father, Son, and Spirit be.
Amen.

O, Wondrous Type! O, Vision Fair

Sarum Primer, 15th cent.
trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong, 7th cent.



1. O, won-drous type! O, vis-ion fair Of glo-ry that the



Church may share, Which Christ up-on the moun-tain shows,



Where bright-er than the sun He glows! A - men.

2. With Moses and Elijah nigh | Th'incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One | Bears record to the only Son.
3. With shining face and bright array | Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above | Who joy in God with perfect love.
4. And faithful hearts are raised on high | By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise | The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5. O Father, with th'eternal Son | And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray you, bring us by Your grace | To see Your glory face to face.
Amen.

Lent


Now Is the Healing Time Decreed

before 12th cent.

from *Oculi, Judica*, trans. T. A. L., alt.

Plainsong


Ecce tempus idoneum



1. Now is the heal-ing time de-creed, For sins of heart,



of word and deed, When we in hum-ble fear re-cord,



The wrong that we have done the Lord. A - men.

2. Who, always merciful and good, | Has borne so long our wayward mood,
Nor cut us off unsparingly | In our so great iniquity.
3. Therefore with fasting and with prayer, | Our secret sorrow we declare;
With all good striving seek His face, | And lowly-hearted plead for grace.
4. Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain, | Help us the share of praise to gain,
Till with the angels linked in love, | Joyful we tread Thy courts above.
5. Father and Son and Spirit blest, | To Thee be every prayer addressed,
Who art in three-fold name adored, | From age to age, the only Lord.
Amen.

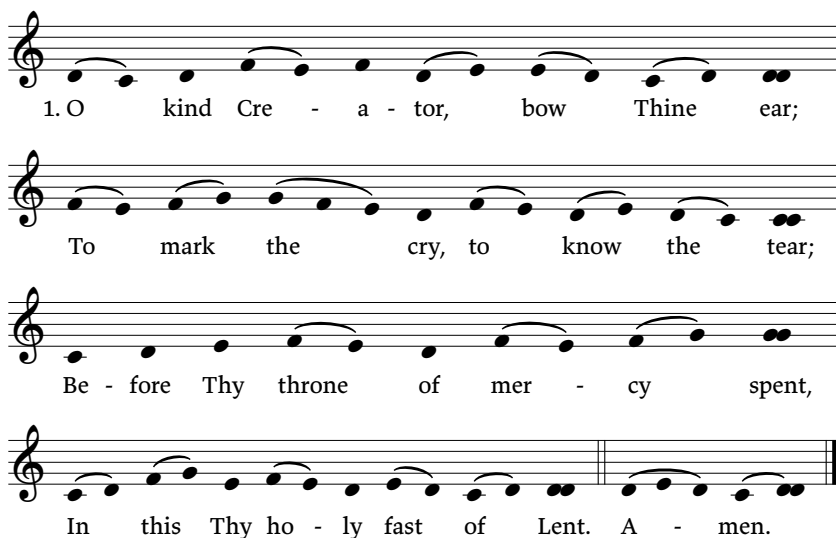
O Kind Creator, Bow Thine Ear

Gregory the Great, 6th cent.

trans. T. A. L.

Plainsong

Invocavit, reminiscere



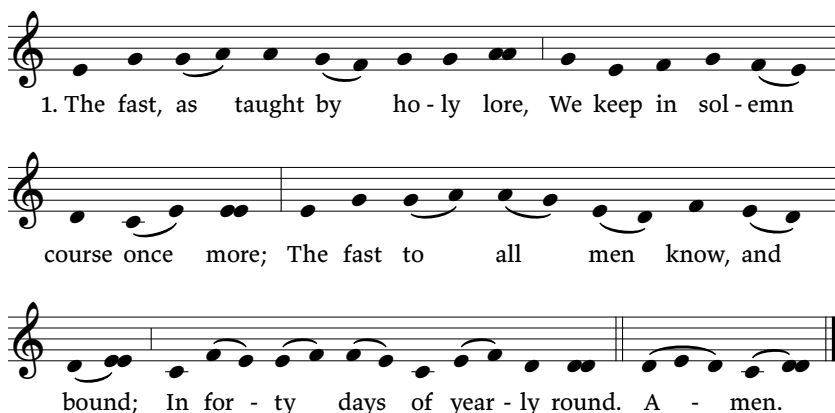
1. O kind Cre - a - tor, bow Thine ear;
To mark the cry, to know the tear;
Be - fore Thy throne of mer - cy spent,
In this Thy ho - ly fast of Lent. A - men.

2. Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee; | Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek Thy face | Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.
3. Our sins are many, this we know; | Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;
And for the honor of Thy name | Our fainting souls to life reclaim.
4. Give us the self-control that springs | From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward secretly | The soul may purely dwell with Thee.
5. We pray Thee, Holy Trinity, | One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence | May reap the fruits of penitence.
Amen.

The Fast, as Taught by Holy Lore

6th cent.
trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong
Ex more docti mystico




1. The fast, as taught by ho - ly lore, We keep in sol - emn
course once more; The fast to all men know, and
bound; In for - ty days of year - ly round. A - men.

2. The law and seers that were of old | In divers ways this Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all seasons' King and guide, | In after ages sanctified.
3. More sparing therefore let us make | The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep and mirth, - and closer barred | Be every sense in holy guard.
4. In prayer together let us fall, | And cry for mercy, one and all,
And weep before the Judge's feet, | And His avenging wrath entreat.
5. Thy grace have we offended sore, | By sins, O God, which we deplore;
But pour upon us, down from Thee, | O pardoning One, Thy clemency.
6. Remember Thou, though frail we be, | That yet Thine handiwork are we;
Nor let the honor of Thy name | Be by another put to shame.
7. Forgive sin that we have wrought; | Increase the good that we have sought;
That we at length, our wanderings o'er, | May please Thee here and evermore.
8. We pray Thee, Holy Trinity, | One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence | May reap the fruits of penitence.
Amen.


The Glory of These Forty Days

Gregory the Great, 6th cent.
trans. M. F. B., alt.


Plainsong
Clarum decus jejuniū



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days; We cel - e - brate



with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all things were made,



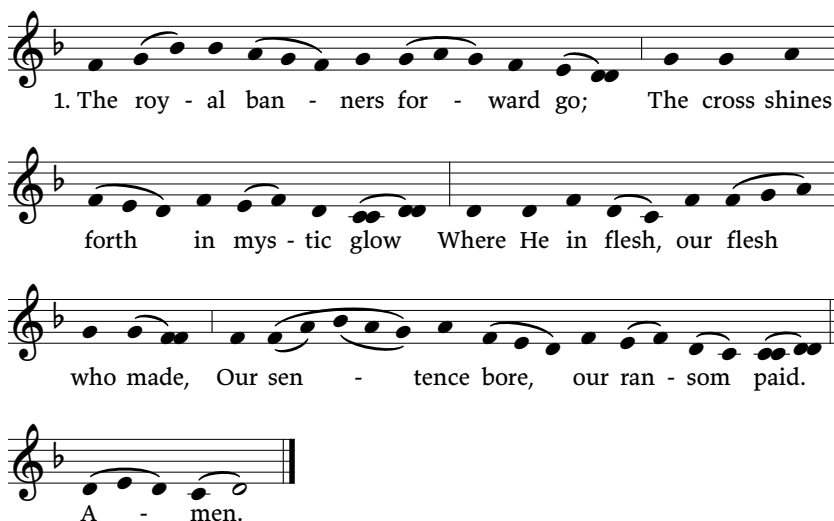
Him-self has fast - ed and has prayed. A - men.

2. Alone and fasting Moses saw | The loving God who gave the Law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came | The steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight, | Delivered from the lions' might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became | The herald of Messiah's name.
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be | Full oft in fast and prayer with Thee;
Our spirits strengthen with Thy grace, | And give us joy to see Thy face.
5. Father and Son and Spirit blest, | To Thee be every prayer addressed,
Who art in three-fold name adored, | From age to age, the only Lord.
Amen.

The Royal Banners Forward Go

V. Fortunatus, c. 569
trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong
Vexilla Regis prodeunt



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go; The cross shines
forth in mys - tic glow Where He in flesh, our flesh
who made, Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid.
A - men.

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, | Life's torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in that precious flood | Where mingled water flowed and blood.
3. Fulfilled is all that David told | In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he, |
Hath reigned and triumphed from the tree.
4. O tree of beauty, tree of light, | O tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast | Those holy limbs should find their rest;
5. On whose hard arms, so widely flung, |
The weight of this world's Ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay | And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
6. O Christ, our one reliance, hail! | So may Thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint | And pardon to the penitent.
7. To Thee, eternal Three in One, | Let homage meet by all be done
Whom by the cross Thou dost restore, | Preserve, and govern evermore.
Amen.

Sing, My Tongue, the Savior's Glory

Thomas Aquinas,
1225-1274, trans.

Plainsong



1. Sing, my tongue, the Sav-ior's glo-ry, of His flesh, the mys-tery sing;



of the blood, all price ex-ceed-ing, shed by our im-mor-tal King,



des-tined, for the world's re-demp-tion, from a no-ble Womb to spring.

2. Of a pure and spotless virgin | born for us on earth below,
He, as man, with man conversing, | stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
then He closed in solemn order | wond'rously His life of woe.
3. On the night of that Last Supper, | seated with His chosen band,
He, the Paschal Victim eating, | first fulfills the Law's command;
then as food to His apostles | gives Himself with His own hand.
4. Word-made-flesh, the bread of nature | by His word to flesh He turns;
wine into His blood He changes; | what though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest, | faith her lesson quickly learns.
5. To the everlasting Father, | And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding | From them each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing, | Might and endless majesty.

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Venantius Fortunatus, 530–609
trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong
Pange lingua gloriosi



1. Sing, my tongue, the glo-rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross the tro - phy,



Sound the loud tri - um-phant lay; Tell how Christ the



world's Re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.

2. Tell how, when at length the fullness | Of th'appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman, | Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience, | Shone as light amidst the gloom.
3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished, | He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing, | Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded | On the cross His dying breath.
4. Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, | Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom, | None in fruit your equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption, | For your burden makes us free.
5. Unto God be praise and glory; | To the Father and the Son,
To th'eternal Spirit honor | Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest | While the timeless ages run.

Easter

The Lamb's High Banquet We Await

7th cent.

trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong

Ad cenam agni providi



1. The Lamb's high ban - quet we a - wait; In snow - white



robes of roy - al state; And now, the Red Sea's chan - nel passed,



To Christ, our Prince, we sing at last. A - men.

2. Upon the altar of the cross | His body hath redeemed our loss;
And tasting of His roseate blood | Our life is hid with Him in God.
3. That paschal eve God's arm was bared; | The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free | From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.
4. Now Christ our paschal lamb is slain, |
The Lamb of God that knows no stain;
The true oblation offered here, | Our own unleavened bread sincere.
5. O Thou from whom hell's monarch flies, | O great, O very sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free, | And endless life restored in Thee.
6. For Christ, arising from the dead, | From conquered hell victorious sped;
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains, | And paradise for man regains.
7. Maker of all, to Thee we pray, | Fulfill in us Thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we | May share Thy paschal victory.
8. To Thee who, dead, again dost live, | All glory, Lord, Thy people give;
All glory, as is ever meet, | To Father and to Paraclete.
Amen.

Dignus Est Agnus

Revelation 5:1-14

Joseph D. Klotz, b. 1977

Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive

pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom: and strength and

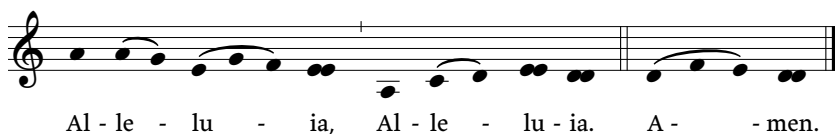
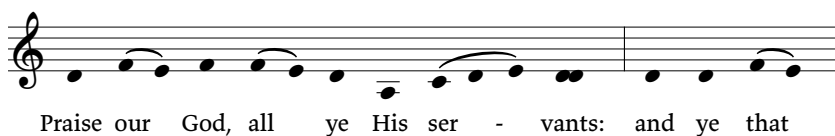
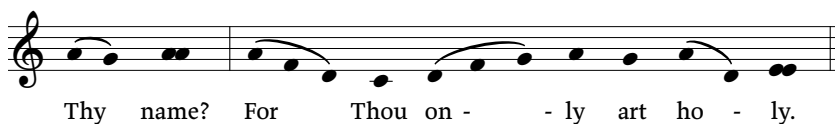
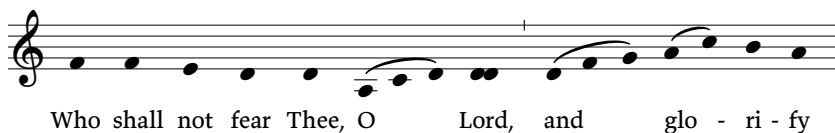
hon - or and glo - ry and bless - ing. Bless-ing and

hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er be un - to Him

that sit - teth up - on the throne: and un - to the Lamb

for - ev - er and ev - er. Great and mar - vel - ous

are Thy works, Lord God Al - might - y:



Victimae Paschali Laudes

Wipo of Burgundy
11th cent.

Plainsong



1. Vic - ti - mae pas - cha - li lau - des im - mo - lent Chris - ti - a - ni.



2. Ag - nus re - dem - mit o - ves: Chris - tus in - no - cens Pa - tri.



re - con - ci - li - a - vit pec - ca - to - res. 3. Mors et vi - ta



du - el - lo con - fix - e - re mir - an - do: dux vi - tae



mor - tu - us reg - nat vi - vus. 4. Dic no - bis Ma - ri - a,



quid vi - dis - ti in vi - a? 5. Sep - ul - crum Chris - ti vi - ven - tis,



et glo - ri - am vi - di re - sur - gen - tis: 6. An - ge - li - cos tes - tes,



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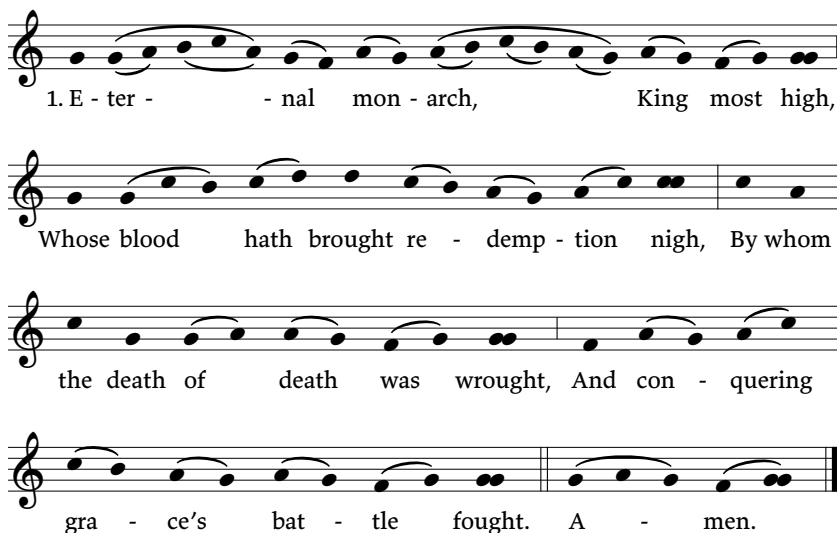
1. Let Christians offer sacrificial praises to the passover victim.
2. The lamb has redeemed the sheep: The Innocent Christ has reconciled the sinners to the Father.
3. Death and life contended in a spectacular battle: The Prince of life, who died, reigns alive.
4. Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the road?
5. "I saw the tomb of the living Christ and the glory of His rising,
6. The angelic witnesses, the clothes and the shroud."
7. "Christ my hope is arisen; into Galilee, He will go before His own."
8. We know Christ is truly risen from the dead! To us, victorious King, have mercy! Amen. Alleluia.

Ascension

Eternal Monarch, King Most High

7th century
trans. John Mason Neale

Plainsong
Aeterne Rex Altissime



1. E - ter - - nal mon - arch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought re - demp - tion nigh, By whom
the death of death was wrought, And con - quering
gra - ce's bat - tle fought. A - men.

2. Ascending to the throne of might, | And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesus' own. | That here His manhood had not known.
3. That so, in nature's triple frame, | Each heavenly and each earthly name,
And things in hell's abyss abhorred, | May bend the knee and own Him Lord.
4. Yea, angels tremble when they see | How changed is our humanity;
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained, |
And God, the flesh of God hath reigned.
5. Be Thou our joy and strong defense, | Who art our future recompense;
So shall the light that springs from Thee | Be ours through all eternity.
6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, | All praise to Thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run, | With Father and with Spirit one.
Amen.

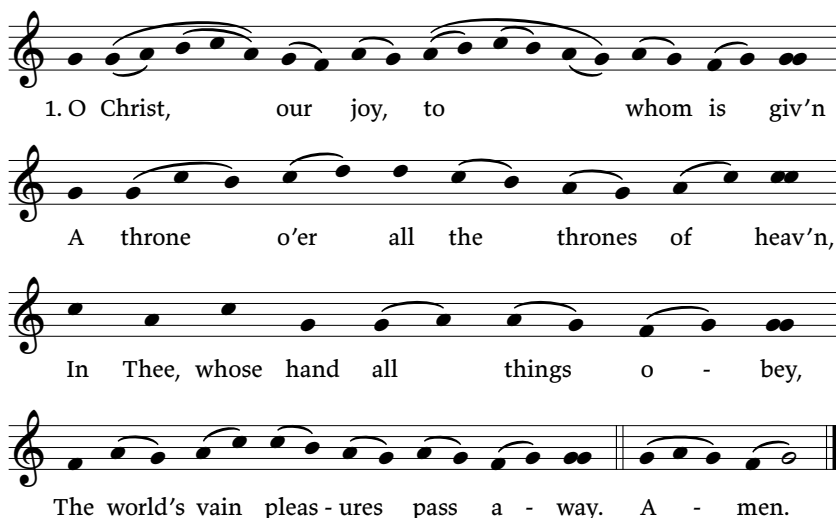
O Christ, Our Joy, to Whom Is Given

5th cent.

trans. L. Housman

Plainsong

Tu Christe nostrum gaudium



1. O Christ, our joy, to whom is giv'n
A throne o'er all the thrones of heav'n,
In Thee, whose hand all things o - bey,
The world's vain pleas - ures pass a - way. A - men.

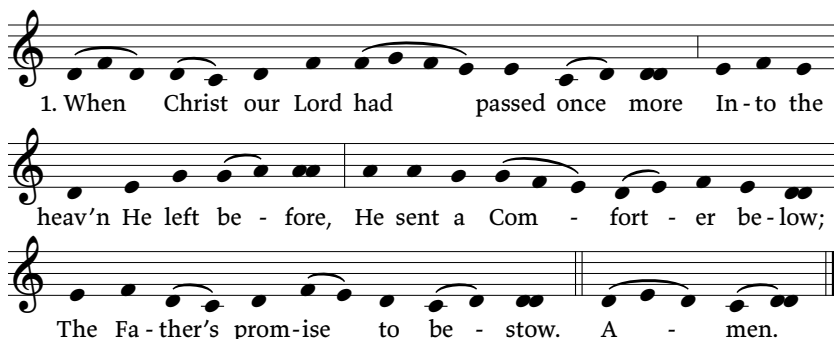
2. So, suppliants here, we seek to win | Thy pardon for Thy people's sin,
That, by Thine all-prevailing grace, | Uplifted, we may seek Thy face.
3. And when, all heaven beneath Thee bowed, |
Thou com'st to judgment throned in cloud,
Then from our guilt wash out the stain | And give us our lost crowns again.
4. Be Thou our joy and strong defense, | Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from Thee | Be ours through all eternity.
5. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, | All praise to Thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run, | With Father and with Spirit One.
Amen.

Pentecost

When Christ Our Lord Had Passed Once More

4th cent.
trans. P. D., alt.

Plainsong
Jam Christus astra ascenerat



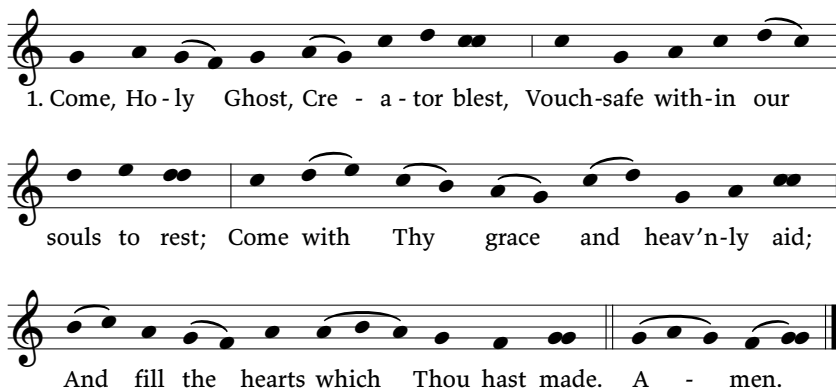
1. When Christ our Lord had passed once more In - to the
heav'n He left be - fore, He sent a Com - fort - er be - low;
The Fa - ther's prom - ise to be - stow. A - men.

2. The solemn time was soon to fall | Which told the number mystical;
For since the Resurrection Day | A week of weeks had passed away.
3. At the third hour a rushing noise | Came like the tempest's sudden voice,
And mingled with the Apostles' prayer, |
Proclaiming loud that God was there.
4. From out the Father's light it came, | That beautiful and kindly flame,
To kindle every Christian heart, | And fervor of the Word impart.
5. As then, O Lord, Thou didst fulfill, | Each holy heart to do Thy will,
So now do Thou our sins forgive | And make the world in peace to live.
6. To God the Father, God the Son, | And God the Spirit, praise be done;
May Christ the Lord upon us pour | The Spirit's gift forevermore.
Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Bless

Rhabanus Marus, c. 856
trans. Edward Caswall, alt.

Plainsong
Veni Creator Spiritus



1. Come, Ho-ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, Vouch-safe with-in our
souls to rest; Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid;
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made. A - men.

2. To Thee, the Comforter, we cry, | To Thee, the Gift of God Most High,
The Fount of life, the Fire of love, | The soul's Anointing from above.
3. The seven-fold gifts of grace are Thine, | O Finger of the Hand Divine;
True Promise of the Father Thou, | Who dost the tongue with speech endow.
4. Thy light to every thought impart | And shed Thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our mortal state | With deathless might invigorate.
5. Drive far away our wily Foe | And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide, | No evil can our steps betide.
6. Make Thou to us the Father known, | Teach us the eternal Son to own;
And Thee, whose name we ever bless, | Of both the Spirit, to confess.
7. Praise we the Father and the Son | And Holy Spirit, with them One;
And may the Son on us bestow | The gifts that from the Spirit flow!
Amen.

Trinity

Be Present, Holy Trinity

10th cent.

trans. John Mason Neale, alt.

Plainsong

Adesto, Sancta Trinitas

1. Be pres-ent, Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Like splen-dor,
and one De - i - ty; Of things a - bove, and things
be - low, Be - gin-ning, that no end shall know. A - men.

The musical notation is a single-line plainsong melody on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

2. Thee all the armies of the sky | Adore, and laud, and magnify;
And nature, in her triple frame, | Forever sanctifies Thy name.
3. And we, too, thanks and homage pay, | Thine own adoring flock today;
O join to that celestial song | The praises of our suppliant throng!
4. Light, sole and one, we Thee confess, | With triple praise we rightly bless;
Alpha and Omega we own, | With every spirit round Thy throne.
5. To Thee, O unbegotten One, | And Thee, O sole-begotten Son,
And Thee, O Holy Ghost, we raise | Our equal and eternal praise.
Amen.

At the Name of Jesus

Caroline M. Noel, 1807

Plainsong
Adoro Te Devote

1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.
'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.

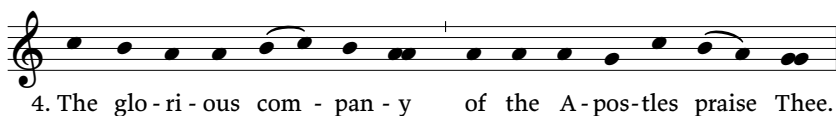
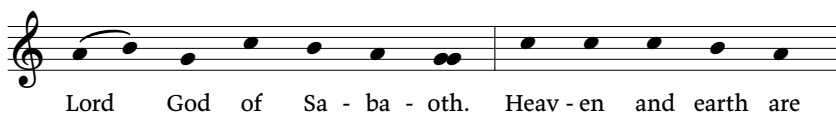
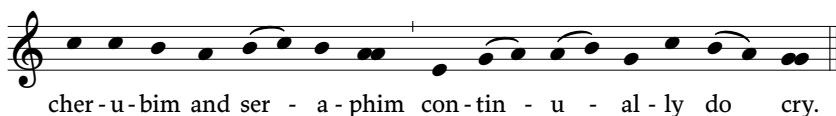
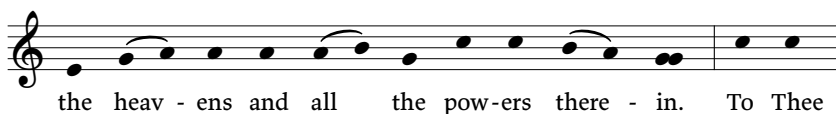
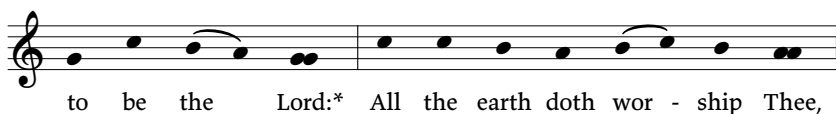
2. At His voice creation | Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, | All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, | Stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders | In their great array.
3. Humbled for a season, | To receive a name
From the lips of sinners | Unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it | Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious | When from death He passed.
4. Bore it up triumphant | With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures | To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, | To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory | Of that perfect rest.
5. In your hearts enthrone Him; | There let Him subdue
All that is not holy, | All that is not true;
Crown Him as your captain | In temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you | In its light and pow'r.

6. Christians, this Lord Jesus | Shall return again
In His Father's glory, | With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire | Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him | King of glory now.
7. Glory then to Jesus, | Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness | Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father; | In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together | Him who reigns above.

Te Deum laudamus

English text from
The Evangelical Lutheran Prayer Book, 1912

Plainsong





The good - ly fel - low-ship of the proph-ets praise Thee.



5. The no - ble ar - my of mar - tyrs praise Thee.



The ho - ly Church through-out all the world doth



ac-know-ledge Thee; 6. The Fa - ther of an in - fi - nite



Maj - es - ty, Thine a - dor - a - ble, true and on - ly Son;



Al - so the Ho - ly Ghost the Com-fort - er.



7. Thou art the King of Glo - ry, O Christ.



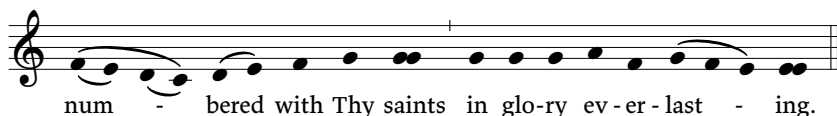
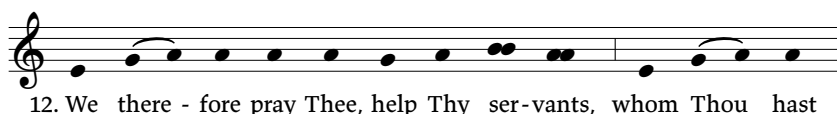
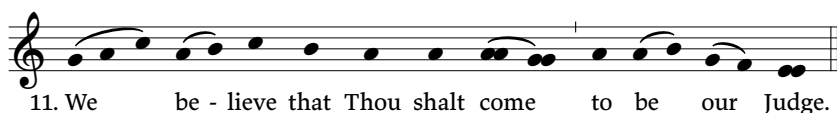
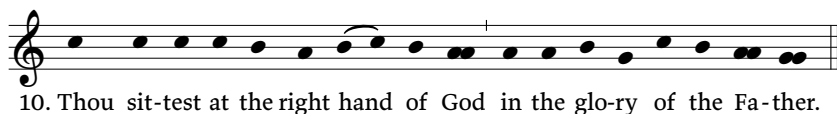
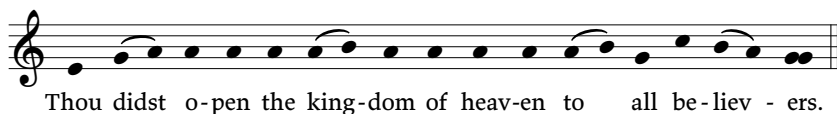
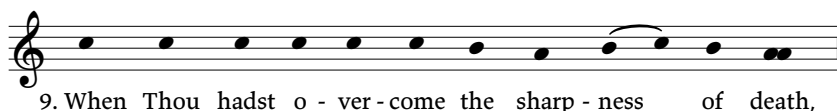
Thou art the ev - er - last - ing Son of the Fa - ther.



8. When Thou took-est up - on Thee to de - liv - er man,



Thou didst hum-ble Thy-self to be born of a vir - gin.



we mag - ni - fy Thee. And we wor-ship Thy name ev - er,

world with - out end. 16. Vouch - safe, O Lord

to keep us this day with - out sin. O Lord, have mer-cy

up - on us; have mer - cy up - on us. 17. O Lord,

let Thy mer-cy be up - on us as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trust - - - ed,

let me nev-er be con-found-ed. A - - - men.

Additional Hymns

Almighty God, Who from the Flood

6th century
trans. John Mason Neale

Plainsong
Magnae Deus potentiae

1. Al - might - y God, who from the flood Didst bring to light a
two - fold brood; Part in the fir - ma - ment to fly,
And part in o - cean's depths to lie; A - men.

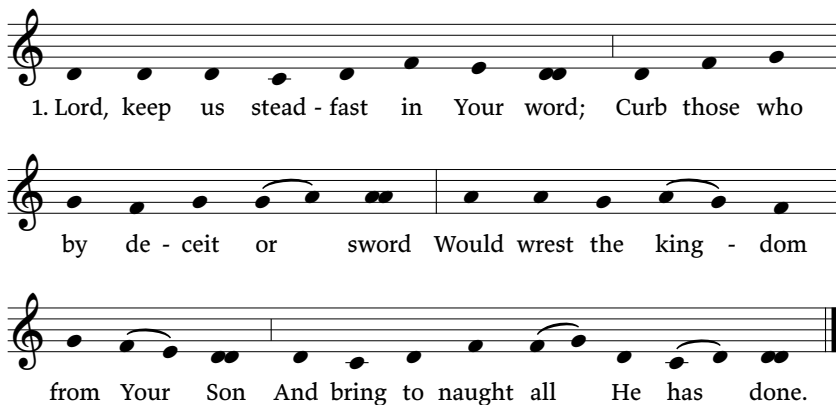
2. Appointing fishes in the sea, | And fowls in open air to be,
That each, by origin the same, | Its separate dwelling-place might claim:
3. Grant that Thy servants, by the tide | Of blood and water purified,
No guilty fall from Thee may know, | Nor death eternal undergo.
4. Be none submerged in sin's distress, | None lifted up in boastfulness;
That contrite hearts be not dismayed, | Nor haughty souls in ruin laid.
5. O Father, that we ask be done, | Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, | Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Martin Luther, d. 1546

Plainsong

trans. Catherine Winkworth, d. 1878, alt.



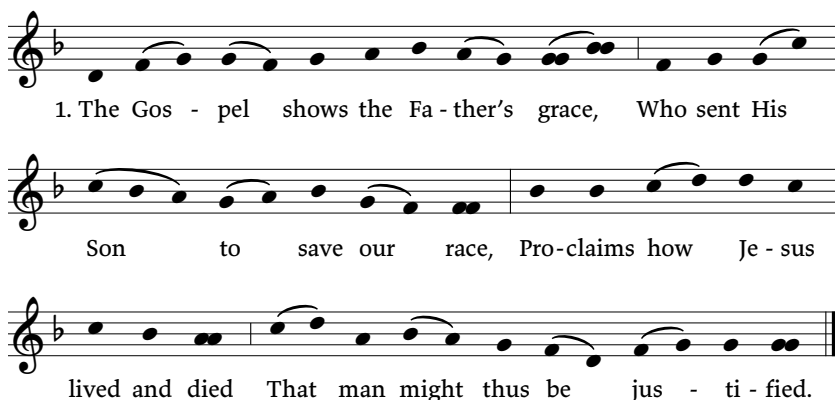
1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your word; Curb those who
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom
from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, | For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we | May sing Your praise triumphantly.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth, | Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife | And lead us out of death to life.

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

Matthias Loy, 1828–1915

Plainsong



1. The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
Son to save our race, Pro-claims how Je - sus
lived and died That man might thus be jus - ti - fied.

2. It sets the Lamb before our eyes, | Who made atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed | To come and find eternal rest.
3. It brings the Savior's righteousness | Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release |
And gives the troubled conscience peace.
4. It is the pow'r of God to save | From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings | To all the treasures which it brings.
5. It bears to all the tidings glad | And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The heavy-laden souls it cheers | And banishes their guilty fears.
6. May we in faith its tidings learn | Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess | And praise the Lord our Righteousness.

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Matthias Loy, 1828–1915

Plainsong



1. The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will be - fore



our eyes, Shows us the way of right - eous - ness,



And dooms to death when we trans-ress.

2. Its light of holiness imparts | The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate | And seek escape before too late.
3. To those who help in Christ have found |
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight | And should be done as good and right.
4. When men the offered help disdain | And willfully in sin remain,
Its terror in their ear resounds | And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
5. The Law is good; but since the fall | Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die | And has no pow'r to justify.
6. To Jesus we for refuge flee, | Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, | Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Kyrie

Plainsong
from *Liber Brevior*

The musical score for 'Kyrie' is presented in ten staves of plainsong notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The melody is characterized by long, flowing lines with many beamed eighth and sixteenth notes, creating a continuous, melodic flow. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son.

Prayers for Each Day of the Week

Sunday

Lord God, Heavenly Father, Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path; Your Law is good and wise, and the Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. I give You thanks that You have preserved unto Your people, through the Church, by the working of the Holy Spirit, Your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, Father, when we have despised preaching and Your Word; teach us to hold it sacred, and to gladly hear and learn it. Bless all pastors who preach and teach, especially _____. Give them wisdom and courage to rightly preach Your Word, in season and out of season, and teach sound doctrine. Grant us wisdom to rightly understand Your Word. Continue to strengthen and preserve us in the one true faith through these gifts of Your Word preached, read, meditated upon, and administered through water, bread and wine; through Jesus Christ, who dwelt among us as the Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday

Heavenly Father, I give thanks to You, Maker of heaven and earth, that You have come to me and saved me by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit in my Baptism. When I was dead in trespass and sin, and by my very nature an object of wrath, by water and the Word You baptized me into Christ's death, so that just as Jesus was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life. Forgive me, Lord, for despising this great gift of life and forgiveness. Help me daily to drown the Old Adam; grant me repentance continually that he may die, along with all sins and evil desires, and a new man would rise daily to live before You in righteousness and purity forever.

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, that You have blessed me with my vocation as _____. I pray that You would bless me, and all _____. Keep us safe, grant us wisdom and courage so that we may do our duty, to the best of our ability, in accordance with Your will, and to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Tuesday

Lord God, Heavenly Father, it is written in Your Word: Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. I pray that You would cause me, by Your grace, to endure the temptations which I face daily (and especially _____). The temptations I face are no different than those faced by all men. Please show me the way of escape that I may bear them. You have told us not to lose heart over the troubles we face in the world because the

world has been overcome by, and we have rest in, our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus, would endure persecutions and tribulations with patience and faith. Help us resist the devil, who walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour; keep us steadfast in the faith, ever mindful that the same sufferings are experienced by our brotherhood in the world; through Jesus Christ, the One by whom we have deliverance from sin, death, and the devil, and in whom we have rest from our labors, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Wednesday

Lord God, Heavenly Father, I give You thanks for clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife/husband and children, land, animals, and all I have. Thank You, dear Lord, for richly and daily providing me with all I need to support this body and life; for defending me against all danger, and for guarding and protecting me from all evil. I am not worthy of all the gifts You give me; I know they come only out of Your Fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

Thank You, Lord, for the schools of the church. Bless and preserve all pastors, teachers, parents, students, and congregations who support, maintain, and make use of our Christian day schools. Grant that all students would be trained up in the way that they should go, so that when they are old they would not depart from it. Grant that, through the faithful preaching and teaching of their pastors, teachers, and parents, they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I ask this especially for _____.

Bless our nation, and all those who hold positions of authority, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, the Governor of this state/commonwealth, our judges and magistrates, and all other rulers. Give them all wisdom, patience, and self-control. Protect them, and prolong their lives; dispose them toward righteousness and peace, and make them instruments of blessing and protection to all those over whom they govern. Bless me that I may not despise or anger these authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Lord, bless my neighbor, and help me to love him as I love myself. Make me a help and support to him in every physical need. Bless and protect his money and possessions, and make me a help to my neighbor in improving and protecting his possessions and income. Stop up my mouth when I would tell lies about my neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation. Help me always to defend my neighbor, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way. And, rather than scheming to get my neighbor's possessions, help me to be of service to my neighbor in keeping his things, and to be an advocate who urges their spouse, workers, and animals to stay and do their duty. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday

Lord God, Heavenly Father, I give You thanks for the blessing of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we receive in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, which He instituted Himself for we Christians to eat and to drink. I pray, Lord, that You would prepare me to receive worthily the gifts which are given us in the sacrament: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. Grant me, by the working of Your Holy Spirit through the means of Your Word, to have faith that Christ's body and blood were given and shed for me for the forgiveness of sins.

I give You thanks, Lord, for the communion of saints into which You have brought me, through faith in Christ Jesus. Bless Your Holy Church throughout the world; be with Your people where two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus; grant that in Your Holy Church the Gospel may be preached always in its purity, and the Holy Sacraments may be administered rightly according to their institution. Grant, Lord, that Your Church would be maintained and extended by our personal service, by our prayer, by our financial support, but above all, by our proclamation of the Gospel to those in whose midst You have placed us according to our various vocations. I ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, who is the head of the body, the Church, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Friday

Lord God, Heavenly Father, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; You made Him who had no sin to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many on the cross. I pray this Gospel of Christ crucified, Christ risen, and Christ ascended would be preached in its purity to all nations, so that all people might be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Bless Your saints throughout the world who are suffering from persecution because of their faithfulness to the Gospel. Grant that their persecutors may hear the message of the cross, be converted, and be saved; grant Your people relief from their torments; above all, grant them strength, peace, and steadfast faith that they may persevere to the end and be saved. Bless and preserve all of Your people throughout the world in the one true faith unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Saturday

Heavenly Father, we know that the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. Help us to remain sober and awake; keep us steadfast in Your word, and in the one true faith unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior who is coming soon to make all things new, who lives and reigns with You, Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever; Amen.

The Litany

The Litany may be used at Vespers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at Matins on Sundays. The responses may be repeated after each phrase, or only at the end of each group, as they are here presented.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord have mercy upon us.

V Christ, have mercy upon us.

R Christ, have mercy upon us.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V O Christ, hear us.

R O Christ, hear us.

V O God the Father in heaven;

R Have mercy upon us.

V O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

R Have mercy upon us.

V O God the Holy Ghost;

R Have mercy upon us.

V Be gracious unto us.

R Spare us, good Lord.

V Be gracious unto us.

R Help us, good Lord.

V From all sin; From all error; From all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; From sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; From war and bloodshed; From sedition and rebellion; From lightning and tempest; From all calamity by fire and water; And from everlasting death:

R Good Lord, deliver us.

V By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; By thy holy nativity; By thy baptism, fasting, and temptation; By Thine agony and bloody sweat; By thy cross and passion; By thy precious death and burial; By thy glorious resurrection and ascension; And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

R Help us, good Lord.

V In all time of our tribulation; In all time of our prosperity; In the hour of our death; And in the Day of Judgment;

R Help us, good Lord.

V We poor sinners do beseech Thee;

R To hear us, O Lord God.

V And to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church;

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

V To preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word and in holiness of life; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; To beat down Satan under foot; To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest; To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace; To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand; And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

V To give to all nations peace and concord; To preserve our country from discord and contention; To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its enemies; To direct and defend our President, and all in authority; And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our people:

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

V To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity and tribulation;

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord

V To protect all who travel by air, land, or water; To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; To set free all who are innocently imprisoned; To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows; And to have mercy upon all men:

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

V To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts; To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth; And graciously to hear our prayers:

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

V O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

R We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

V O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

R Have mercy upon us.

V O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

R Have mercy upon us.

V O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
R Grant us Thy peace.

V O Christ, hear us.
R O Christ, hear us.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.
R Lord have mercy upon us.

V Christ, have mercy upon us.
R Christ, have mercy upon us.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.
R Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LITANY COLLECTS

1. **V** O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

R Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

V Almighty God, our heavenly Father who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live; we beseech Thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

2. **V** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.

R Deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.

V Almighty and Everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church; hear our prayers for all members of the same and mercifully grant, that by Thy grace they may serve Thee in true faith; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord.

R Amen.

3. **V** O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

R Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

- V** O God, merciful Father, who despises not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by Thy good providence, be brought to naught; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord.
- R** Amen.
4. **V** O Lord, enter not into judgment with Thy servant.
- R** For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.
- V** Almighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- R** Amen.
5. **V** Call upon Me in the day of trouble.
- R** I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.
- V** Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Thy punishments, be gracious unto us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved, may be turned from us, and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.
- R** Amen.
6. **V** The Lord will give strength unto His people.
- R** The Lord will bless His people with peace.
- V** O God from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.
- R** Amen.

The Suffrages

The Suffrages may be used at Matins or Vespers in the same manner as the Litany.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V Christ, have mercy upon us.

R Christ, have mercy upon us.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:
And lead us not into temptation;

R But deliver us from evil.

V I said, O Lord, be mercifully unto me;

R Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

V Return, O Lord, how long?

R And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

V Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us;

R According as we hope in Thee.

V Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

R And let Thy saints shout for joy.

V O Lord, save our rulers;

R Let the King hear us when we call.

V Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

R Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

V Remember Thy congregation;

R Which Thou hast purchased of old.

V Peace be within Thy walls;

R And prosperity within thy palaces.

V Let us pray for our absent brethren.

R O Thou, our God, save Thy servants that trust in Thee.

V Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives;
R Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

V Send them help from the sanctuary;
R And strengthen them out of Zion.

V Hear my prayer, O Lord;
R And let my cry come unto Thee.

Then the Leader and Congregation may chant or speak responsively De Profundis (Matins) or Miserere Mei (Vespers).

Psalm 130

De Profundis.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
and in His word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say,
more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is
plenteous redemption: And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalm 51

Miserere Mei.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness:
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight:
That Thou mightiest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou
judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:
And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
And in the hidden part shalt Thou make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins:
And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence:
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways:
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation:
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord open Thou my lips:
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I have it:
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be chanted or said:

V Turn us again, O God of hosts,
R Cause Thy face to shine and we shall be saved.

V Arise, O Christ, for our help;
R And redeem us for Thy mercy's sake.

V Hear my prayer, O Lord;
R And let my cry come unto Thee.

V The Lord be with you.
R And with thy spirit.

V Let us pray.

Then the Leader may say a collect for the season, and any other suitable collects, concluding with this Collect for Peace:

V Give peace in our days, O Lord:
R Because there is none other than fighteth for us, except Thou, our God.

V O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength:
R And abundance in Thy towers.

V Let us pray.

V O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **R** Amen.

V Bless we the Lord:
R Thanks be to God.

The Morning Suffrages

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V Christ, have mercy upon us.

R Christ, have mercy upon us.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;

R For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty: maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell: The third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy catholic church; The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE VERSICLES

V Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord:

R And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.

V Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:

R And with Thy honor all the day.

V O Lord, hide Thy face from my sins:

R And blot out all mine iniquities.

V Create in me, O God, a clean heart:

R And renew a right spirit within me.

V Cast me not away from Thy presence:

R And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

V Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:

R And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

V Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day:

R To keep us without sin.

V Have mercy upon us, O Lord:

R Have mercy upon us.

V O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:

R As our trust is in Thee.

V Hear my prayer, O Lord:

R And let my cry come unto Thee.

V The Lord be with you:

R And with thy spirit.

L Let us pray:

C We give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected us through the night from all danger and harm; and we beseech Thee to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all our thoughts, words and deeds, we may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

L Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Evening Suffrages

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V Christ, have mercy upon us.

R Christ, have mercy upon us.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

V Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;

R For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever.
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And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell: The third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy catholic church; The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE VERSICLES

V Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers:

R And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

V Bless we the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

R We praise and magnify Him forever.

V Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

R And greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalted forever.

V The Almighty and Merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

R Amen.

V Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night:

R To keep us without sin.

V O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Have mercy upon us.

V O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:

R As our trust is in Thee.

V Hear my prayer, O Lord:

R And let my cry come unto Thee.

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spirit.

L Let us pray:

C We give thanks unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected us, and we beseech Thee to forgive us all our sins, and the wrong which we have done, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

L Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

The Bidding Prayer

By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.

- L** Brethren, let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would vouchsafe to defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ.
- C** Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed Thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the word of His truth; keep, we beseech Thee, in safety the works of Thy mercy, that so Thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve Thee in true faith, and preserve in the confession of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for the ministers of the Word for all estates of men in the Church, and for all the people of God.
- C** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy, that having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant, and evermore be found in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- C** Almighty and everlasting God, who dost always multiply Thy Church, and with Thy light and grace dost strengthen the hearts of those whom Thou hast regenerated, confirming unto them Thy covenant and faithfulness; grant unto our catechumens increase both of faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and rally and heartily renew their covenant with Thee. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for all in authority, and especially for the government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- C** O Merciful Father in heaven, who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world; we humbly beseech Thee, graciously

regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the governor of this commonwealth, our judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth; that all who receive the sword, as Thy ministers, may bear it according to Thy commandment; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- L** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, open the prisons, set free those in bondage, grant a safe return to the wayfarers, health to the sick and to our mariners a harbor of security.
- C** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the strength of the weak; may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive thy manifold help and comfort; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for the Jews, the Heathen, and all those who subvert the truth of the Lord God Almighty, that He would gather them from all nations, granting them repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.
- C** Almighty and Everlasting God, who lovest to show mercy bring to naught, O Christ, the schisms of heresy, which seek to subvert Thy truth; that as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one and the same Lord, so Thy people gathered from all nations, may serve Thee in unity of faith; hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee for Thine ancient people, that acknowledging Jesus Christ, who is the light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness; Almighty and Everlasting God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest have all men to repent and live; hear our prayers for the heathen; take away iniquity from their hearts, and turn them from their idols unto the living and true God, and to Thine only Son; and gather them into Thy holy Church, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word, and walk before Him as becometh Christians.
- C** Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace, and the author of all concord; Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve Thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of Thy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- L** Let us pray for our enemies that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously vouchsafe unto them such things as are both needful for them and profitable unto their salvation.
- C** O Almighty, everlasting God, who through Thine Only Son, our blessed Lord has commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us; we earnestly beseech Thee, that by Thy gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Thy whole Christian Church; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them, and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission to His holy will.
- C** O Lord, Father Almighty, who by Thy Word hast created and dost bless and uphold all things; we pray Thee so to reveal unto us Thy Word our Lord Jesus Christ, that He dwelling in our hearts, we may by Thy grace be made meet to receive Thy blessing on all the fruits of the earth, and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L** Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- C** Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

FIRST

Almighty and Everlasting God, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We praise Thee, especially, that Thou hast preserved unto us, in their purity, Thy saving Word, and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant and preserve unto Thy holy church, throughout the world, purity of doctrine, and faithful pastors who shall preach Thy Word with power; and help all who hear, rightly to understand, and truly to believe the same. Be Thou the protector and defender of Thy people in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Thy Church, and in brotherly unity with all our fellow Christians, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Thy grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat Thee to bless our land, and all its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Cause Thy glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end, we commend to Thy care all our schools, and pray Thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war, and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper everyone in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be Thou the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless children, the Helper of the sick and the needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Here special supplications, intercessions, and prayers may be made.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work which Thou hast given us to do while it is day; before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Thy power, and receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

SECOND

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show for Thee praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; that walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer unto Thee our common supplications for the good estate of Thy Church throughout the world; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace, and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee, with Thy favor to behold the President [and Congress] of the United States, and all other in authority; and so replenish them with Thy grace, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way, Prosper all good counsels and all just works that peace and happiness, truth and righteousness, religion and piety, may be established among us through all generations.

We humbly entreat Thee also for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

May it please Thee to preserve all that travel by air, land, or water; to succor all that are in peril or need; and to satisfy the wants of all Thy creatures.

We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Here special supplications, intercessions, and prayers may be made.

Hear us, most merciful God, in these our humble requests, which we offer up unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Ecumenical Creeds

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever will be saved: shall, above all else, hold the catholic faith.

Which faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled,: without doubt he will perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God: neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For there is one person of the Father: another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated: and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible: and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Spirit eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals: but one eternal.

As there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensibles: but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty: and the Holy Spirit almighty.

And yet they are not three almighties: but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God: And yet they are not three Gods but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord: And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the Christian truth: to acknowledge every person by himself to be both God and Lord.

So we cannot by the catholic faith: say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is made of none: neither created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made nor created but begotten.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son: neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons: one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another: none is greater or less than another;

But the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as is aforesaid, : the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He, therefore, that will be saved: is compelled thus to think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man.

God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and man of the substance of his mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect Man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father as touching his manhood.

Who, although he is God and Man: yet he is not two but one Christ:

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking the manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of substance: but by unity of person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell: rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies: and will give an account of their own works.

And they that have done good will go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic faith which, except a man believe faithfully and firmly: he cannot be saved.

Additional Prayers

CONFESSION

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CHURCH IN ITS CONFLICTS

Almighty and Everlasting God, who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth; we beseech Thy glorious majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, impart the grace and help of Thy Holy Spirit to all ministers of Thy Word, that they may purely teach it to the saving of men; bring to naught by Thine Almighty power and unsearchable wisdom, all the counsels of those who hate Thy Word, and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it, and enlighten them with the knowledge of Thy glory; that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may, by a pure faith, learn the riches of Thy heavenly grace, and in holiness and righteousness serve Thee, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES

O Merciful Father in heaven, who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world; we humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and Magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth. May all that receive the sword, as Thy ministers, bear it according to Thy commandment. Enlighten and defend them by Thy name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding,

that under their peaceable governance, Thy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their lives, O God of our salvation, that we, with them, may show forth the praise of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF NATIONAL CALAMITY

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly confess unto Thee that by our evil doing and continual disobedience, we have deserved these Thy chastisements; but we earnestly beseech Thee, for Thy name's sake, to spare us; restrain the harmful power of the enemy, and succor Thy suffering people, that Thy Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance, and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk obediently to Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF WAR

O Lord our God, Thou art the God of peace and the fountain of all love and mercy. Thou rulest in the armies of heaven, and doest whatsoever Thou pleases among the nations of the earth. In Thee do we put our trust. We would live in peace and friendship in our own land and with all the earth. We have indeed nationally, as well as personally, deserved Thy judgments, and shouldst Thou scourge us with war and all the frightful things which accompany it, as well as its consequences, we could not charge thee with injustice. We have been proud and self-sufficient; we have violated Thy holy Sabbath and repaid thy numerous blessings with ingratitude. We have taken credit to ourselves, and ascribed to our wisdom and skill what was the result of Thy goodness and mercy.

O Lord, enter not into judgment, and deal not according to our offenses, but according to Thine infinite compassion in Christ Jesus. Put an end to the agitations of unruly men; turn away from us the wrath we have merited. May both people and the government be influenced by Thy good Spirit to peace and quiet. In Thy good providence remove all the causes of reasonable discontent; give us not over to the consequences of reckless passion and suffer no wrong principles, no erroneous policy, no false views of honor, and no unholy ambition to control the legislature of the States or of the Federal Government. Save us, we beseech thee – save us from war and its frightful horrors, and make us a holy, peace-loving, righteous people, whom Thou wilt delight to bless, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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We adore Thee, O God, as the Lord of hosts. Great and mighty are Thy armies, by which Thou canst lay waste the guilty nations of the earth. We come unto Thee in time of public calamity. We would mourn, O Lord, over the pride, and ambition, and envy, and revenge which agitate the bosoms of earthly rulers, and

make them rush into wars, and thus hazard the property, the comfort, the blood, and the life of the children of men. In Thy mercy, O Lord, remove the causes which lead to such great evils; subdue and change the wicked passions and designs of all ungodly men who rashly and corruptly exercise their influence and authority. Put to naught the counsels of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and will adopt no method to adjust disputes but that of leading thousands into the field of battle, and ushering multitudes unprepared into the presence of an offended and awful God.

O Lord, hear our prayers for peace. Teach rulers and people to cultivate harmony and love; make an end of tumult and bloodshed. Let all false ideas of dignity and glory be buried in the dust; and may all in authority see that it is their greatest glory to legislate and govern in the fear of the Lord and for the peace and quiet of the nation.

Look with pity on those who are in the tented field, the fort, the ship of war, and the very arena of strife. Have Thine eye upon them for good; let them not forget that a day of judgment is nigh at hand; and, above all things, preserve their souls; prepare them and us all for the peaceful abodes of heaven; forgive our sins, and save us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ, before we enter with Him into eternal glory; grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHEN UNDER AFFLICTION

O Merciful God and Heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy holy word that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon us in our present sorrows. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble, and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with patience under our affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will; comfort us with a sense of Thy goodness; lift up Thy countenance upon us and give us peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we Thine erring children humbly confess unto Thee, that we have justly deserved the chastening, which for our sins Thou hast sent upon us; but we entreat Thee, of Thy boundless

goodness to grant us true repentance, graciously to forgive our sins, to remove from us or to lighten our merited punishment, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace that as obedient children we may be subject to Thy will, and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON BEHALF OF A SICK CHILD

O Almighty God, Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this child, now lying under Thy hand in sickness. Visit him/her, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver him/her in Thy good appointed time from his/her bodily disease, and save his/her soul, for Thy mercies' sake; that, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong his/her days here on earth, he/she may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in his/her generation. Or, if this be not Thy will, receive him/her into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR ONE ABOUT TO DIE

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant into Thy hands, most humbly beseeching Thee that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and sinful world, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee.

And teach us who survive, in this and every other spectacle of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, while we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

O Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil: Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging with our whole heart all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR HUMILITY

O God, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble; grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine Only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PATIENCE

O God, who by the meek endurance of Thine Only-Begotten Son didst beat down the pride of the old enemy; help us we beseech Thee, rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of His goodness borne for our sakes; that after His example we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH

Confirm, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thine unworthy servants in Thy grace; that in the hour of our death the adversary may not prevail against us, but that we may be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we surely trusting in Thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING AND PROTECTION OF A HOME

Lord God, Heavenly Father, in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, bless and protect this house and all who dwell here. Send your Holy Spirit to those who live here, that our repentance and faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins may be strengthened and grow. Send Your holy angel to dwell here. Drive far from this dwelling all evil. Protect us from all the crafts and assaults of the devil and his evil angels. Preserve us in peace and safety, and bring us to the resurrection on the Last Day when we will live and reign with You for all eternity. Amen.

Readings for Seasons and Festivals

In addition to those reading listed in the Historic Lectionary and the Daily Lectionary, additional Scripture texts appropriate for the various seasons and festivals of the Church Year are here provided. These texts are intended, not to replace the lectionary readings, but to supplement them. These readings will be particularly useful at Midday Prayer, and at times when one does not have a Bible at hand.

ADVENT

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Psalms 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Isaiah 2:2-4

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isaiah 42:1-4

Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.

Isaiah 46:13

I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, for Israel My glory.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 55:3-4

Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 62:11-12

Indeed the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.' " And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Malachi 3:1

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts.

Mark 13:24-27

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

Romans 11:25-26

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

Revelation 21:1-4

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Zechariah 6:12

Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the Lord.

John 3:16–18

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 12:44–50

Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

Romans 8:37–39

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 4:4–5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Hebrews 2:16–17

For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

EPIPHANY

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

Isaiah 55:5

Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

Jeremiah 16:19-21

O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things." Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; And they shall know that My name is the Lord.

Luke 1:78-79

Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Acts 13:46-47

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

Revelation 7:9-10

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

LENT

Exodus 12:1-14

Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the

year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with

the wicked—But with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.

Luke 4:18–19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Luke 18:31–34

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

Acts 2:22–23

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.

1 Corinthians 1:23–24

But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

EASTER

Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Isaiah 26:19

Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Hosea 13:14

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.

John 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

John 6:40

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Revelation 1:4-5

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

ASCENSION

Daniel 7:13-14

I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory

and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

Luke 24:50-53

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

John 12:32

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Ephesians 4:8-10

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Revelation 1:12-18

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

PENTECOST

Jeremiah 31:33–34

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Matthew 12:31–32

Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

John 16:7–11

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Romans 8:14–16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Ephesians 1:17–19

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His

calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

TRINITY

Matthew 3:16–17

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

John 14:16–17

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Acts 2:38–39

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Ephesians 4:4–7

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Titus 3:4–7

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 Peter 1:2

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Revelation 1:4–6

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from

the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.

Matthew 22:35–40

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Romans 2:14–15

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Romans 1:19–20

Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 2:15

Who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.

Philippians 2:5–11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:15–20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:1-4

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

John 14:13-14

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

James 1:6-7

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.

HOLY BAPTISM

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mark 10:13-15

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

John 3:5-6

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Acts 2:38-4

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Romans 6:3-5

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

1 Corinthians 1:28

And the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are.

Ephesians 2:3

Among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Ephesians 5:26

That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.

Titus 3:5–8

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

1 Peter 3:18–21

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:13

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Matthew 5:23–24

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

1 John 1:8–9

If we say that 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 11:23–34

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Genesis 47:9

And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."

Job 14:1–2

Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue.

Job 19:25–27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Psalm 4:8

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 73:25-26

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Ecclesiastes 7:2

Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

John 6:40

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:12-33

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead? And why do we stand in

jeopardy every hour? I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

1 Corinthians 15:50-54

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Revelation 7:13-17

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The History of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

According to the Four Evangelists

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FIRST LESSON

And when they had sung an hymn, Jesus came out, and went forth, as He was wont, over the brook Cedron into the Mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of Me this night, for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter answered and said unto Him, Though all shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with Thee, I will not deny Thee in any wise. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, where was a garden, into the which He entered and His disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, knew the place; for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with His disciples. Then said Jesus unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And He took with Him Peter, James, and John, the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sore amazed, and sorrowful, and very heavy. Then said He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with Me, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and fell on His face on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him; and He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me; nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt. And He cometh unto His disciples and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst not thou watch with Me one hour? Watch ye and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit, indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me except I drink it, Thy will be done. And when He returned,

He found them asleep again (for their eyes were heavy) neither wist they what to answer Him. And He left them, and went away again and prayed the third time the same words, saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven strengthening Him. And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when He rose up from prayer, and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest! Why sleep ye? It is enough; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, and let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me. Pray, however, lest ye enter into temptation.

SECOND LESSON

And immediately, while He yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the Twelve, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, and the scribes and the elders of the people, went before the multitude; and they came thither with lanterns and torches, with swords and staves. Now he that betrayed Him had given them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; take Him, hold Him fast, and lead Him away safely. Jesus, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I am He. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon, then, as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked He them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am He: if, therefore, ye seek Me, let these go their way: that the saying might be fulfilled which He spake, Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none.

And Judas drew near unto Jesus to kiss Him, and he goeth straightway to Him and saith, Hail, Master; and kissed Him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss? Then came they and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him. When they which were about Him saw what would follow, they said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? The cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it? But how, then, shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that thus it must be? Suffer ye thus far. And He touched his ear, and healed him.

In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, the chief priests, and captains of the Temple and the elders, which were come to Him, Are ye come out as against

a thief with swords and staves for to take Me? I was daily with you teaching in the Temple, and ye stretched forth no hands against Me; but this is your hour and the power of darkness, for the Scriptures must be fulfilled. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. And there followed Him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him; and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

THIRD LESSON

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And then they led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where all the chief priests and the scribes and the elders were assembled.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus afar off unto the high priest's palace, and so did another disciple; that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. And the servant and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed themselves, and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself, to see the end. Then one of the maids of the high priest, the damsel that kept the door, when she saw Peter as he sat by the fire warming himself, earnestly looked upon him and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? But he denied before them all, saying, woman, I know Him not, neither understand I what thou sayest.

The high priest then asked Jesus of His disciples and of His doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue and in the Temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why asketh thou Me? Ask them which heard Me, what I have said unto them; behold, they know what I said. And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest Thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou Me? Now Annas had sent Him bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest.

FOURTH LESSON

And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. And after a little while (after the first denial), as he went out into the porch, the cock crew. And another maid saw him, and began to say to them that stood by, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. They said, therefore, unto him, Art not thou also one of His disciples?

And another said, Thou art also of them. And again he denied it with an oath, saying, Man, I am not; I do not know the man. And after a little while, about the space of one hour, another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean. Then came they that stood by and said to Peter, Surely thou art one of them, for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto and bewrayeth thee. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman, whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with Him? Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And immediately, as he yet spake, the cock crew the second time. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the chief priests and elders and all the council sought false witness against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none; yea though many false witnesses came, yet found they none, for their witness agreed not together. At the last there arose and came two false witnesses, and bare false witness against Him, the one saying, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and to build it in three days; and the other, We heard Him say, I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together.

And the high priest arose, and stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? What is it which these witness against Thee? But Jesus held His peace and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? I adjure Thee by the living God that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: I am. Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy. What think ye? And they all condemned Him, answered and said, He is guilty of death.

And the men that held Jesus mocked Him, and some began to spit in His face and to buffet Him; and others, when they had blindfolded Him, struck Him on the face with the palms of their hands, especially the servants. And they asked Him, saying, Prophecy unto us, Thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against Him.

And as soon as it was day, all the chief priests and the elders of the people and the scribes came together, and took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they led Him into their council, saying, Art Thou the Christ? Tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe; and if I also ask you, ye will not answer Me, nor let Me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God. then said they all, Art Thou, then, the Son of God? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of His own mouth.

FIFTH LESSON

And the whole multitude of them arose, and bound Jesus, and led Him away from Caiaphas unto the Hall of Judgment, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the governor; and it was early.

Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the Temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself, and burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem, insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, who they the children of Israel did value, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

And the Jews themselves went not into the judgment-hall, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out unto them and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If He were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered Him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye Him, and judge Him according to your law. The Jews, therefore, said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death; that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spake, signifying what death He should die.

And they, the chief priests and elders, began to accuse Him of many things, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a king. Then Pilate entered into the judgment-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto Him, Art Thou the king of the Jews? And Jesus stood before him and answered, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of Me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Then own nation and the chief priests have delivered Thee unto me: what hast Thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate, therefore, said unto Him, Art Thou a king, then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice. Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews and saith unto them, I find in Him no fault at all. And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? Behold how many things

they witness against Thee. Hearest Thou not? And He answered him to never a word, insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

SIXTH LESSON

And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned with Him in many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at naught, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate, And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me as one that perverteth the people; and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse Him: no, nor yet Herod; for I sent you to him, and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him. I will, therefore, chastise Him, and release Him. Now at that feast the governor must of necessity release unto the people a prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in a certain sedition made in the city. And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire Pilate to do as he had ever done unto them. Therefore, when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Ye have a custom that I should release unto you one at the Passover. Whom will ye that I release unto you, Barabbas, or Jesus, which is called Christ, the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.

When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded and moved the people that they should ask Barabbas and destroy Jesus; and they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas. Pilate, therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them, What shall I do, then, with Jesus which is called Christ, the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify Him, crucify Him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath He done? I have found no cause of death in Him; I will, therefore, chastise Him,

and let him go. But they cried out the more, saying, Let Him be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

SEVENTH LESSON

Then Pilate, therefore, took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers of the governor led Him away into the common hall, called Praetorium; and they called together the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him and clothed Him with purple, putting on Him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, and began to salute Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews. And they smote Him with their hands, and they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head, and, bowing their knees, worshiped Him.

Pilate, therefore, went forth again, and said unto them, Behold, I bring Him forth, unto you that ye may know that I find no fault in Him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests, therefore, and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. Pilate said unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment-hall and said unto Jesus, Whence art Thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou not unto me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against Me except it were given thee from above; therefore, he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend; whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour; and he said unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him! Pilate said unto them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he was willing to content the people, and gave sentence that it should be as they required, and took water, and washed his hands before the multitude,

saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it. Then answered all the people and said, His blood be on us and on our children.

The released he Barabbas unto them, that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to their will to be crucified.

EIGHTH LESSON

And the soldiers took Jesus, and took off the purple robe from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. And He did bear His cross. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, who passed by, coming out of the country, Simon by name, the father of Alexander and Rufus; him they compelled to bear His cross, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed Him a great company of people and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming in the which ye shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

And there were also two others, malefactors, led with Him to be put to death. And they bring Him unto the place which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of the skull. Then they gave Him vinegar (which is wine with myrrh) to drink, mingled with gall; and when He had tasted thereof, He would not drink.

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and two thieves with Him, the one on His right hand and the other on His left, and Jesus in the midst. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And He was numbered with the transgressors. And it was the third hour as they crucified Him.

NINTH LESSON

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And Pilate wrote a title, the superscription of his accusation, and put it on the cross, And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew and Greek and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews, but that He said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat. Now the coat was without

seam, woven from the top throughout. They said, therefore, among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots. And sitting down they watched Him there. These things, therefore, the soldiers did, and the people stood beholding.

Now, there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple standing by whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And they that passed by reviled Him, railed on Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise the chief priests, mocking Him, said among themselves with the scribes and elders, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be Christ, the King of Israel, the Chosen of God, let Him come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also which were crucified with Him cast the same in His teeth, and reviled Him. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the king of the Jews, save Thyself.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us. But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.

TENTH LESSON

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour, and the sun was darkened. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it upon an hyssop, a reed, and put it to His mouth, and

gave Him to drink, saying with the rest, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come and take Him down.

When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished; and when He had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit; and having said thus, He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many.

Now, when the centurion, which stood over against Him, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw that He so cried out, and gave up the ghost, and saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, and glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man and the Son of God. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned.

ELEVENTH LESSON

And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things; among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's children (who also, when He was in Galilee, followed Him, and ministered unto Him), and many other women which came up with Him unto Jerusalem.

The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day (for that Sabbath day was a high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done that the scripture should be fulfilled, a Bon of Him shall not be broken, And again another scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they pierced.

TWELFTH LESSON

And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, a rich man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, Joseph, a counselor, a good man and a just (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them), who also himself waited for the kingdom of God, and was

a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews: this man came and went in boldly unto Pilate, and besought him that he might take away the body of Jesus.

And Pilate marvelled if He were already dead; and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether He had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph, and commanded the body to be delivered. And Joseph bought fine linen. And there came also Nicodemus (which at the first came to Jesus by night), and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. They took they the body of Jesus, and wrapped it in the clean linen cloth, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulcher, Joseph's own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus, therefore, because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand. And they rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, the mother of Joses, sitting over against the sepulcher. And the women also which came with Him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

Now the next day, that followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command, therefore, that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism

LUTHER'S PREFACE TO THE SMALL CATECHISM

Martin Luther to All Faithful and Godly Pastors and Preachers:

Grace, Mercy, and Peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The deplorable, miserable condition which I discovered lately when I, too, was a visitor, has forced and urged me to prepare [publish] this Catechism, or Christian doctrine, in this small, plain, simple form. Mercy! Good God! what manifold misery I beheld! The common people, especially in the villages, have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and, alas! many pastors are altogether incapable and incompetent to teach [so much so, that one is ashamed to speak of it]. Nevertheless, all maintain that they are Christians, have been baptized and receive the [common] holy Sacraments. Yet they [do not understand and] cannot [even] recite either the Lord's Prayer, or the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live like dumb brutes and irrational hogs; and yet, now that the Gospel has come, they have nicely learned to abuse all liberty like experts.

O ye bishops! [to whom this charge has been committed by God,] what will ye ever answer to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people and never for a moment discharged your office? [You are the persons to whom alone this ruin of the Christian religion is due. You have permitted men to err so shamefully; yours is the guilt; for you have ever done anything rather than what your office required you to do.] May all misfortune flee you! [I do not wish at this place to invoke evil on your heads.] You command the Sacrament in one form [but is not this the highest ungodliness coupled with the greatest impudence that you are insisting on the administration of the Sacrament in one form only, and on your traditions] and insist on your human laws, and yet at the same time you do not care in the least [while you are utterly without scruple and concern] whether the people know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any part of the Word of God. Woe, woe, unto you forever!

Therefore I entreat [and adjure] you all for God's sake, my dear sirs and brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to devote yourselves heartily to your office, to have pity on the people who are entrusted to you, and to help us inculcate the Catechism upon the people, and especially upon the young. And let those of you who cannot do better [If any of you are so unskilled that you have absolutely no knowledge of these matters, let them not be ashamed to] take these tables and forms and impress them, word for word, on the people, as follows:

In the first place, let the preacher above all be careful to avoid many kinds of or various texts and forms of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, etc., but choose one form to which he adheres, and which he inculcates all the time, year after year. For [I give this advice, however, because I know that] young and simple people must be taught by uniform, settled texts and forms, otherwise they easily become confused when the teacher to-day teaches them thus, and in a year some other way, as if he wished to make improvements, and thus all effort and labor [which has been expended in teaching] is lost.

Also our blessed fathers understood this well; for they all used the same form of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. Therefore we, too, should [imitate their diligence and be at pains to] teach the young and simple people these parts in such a way as not to change a syllable, or set them forth and repeat them one year differently than in another [no matter how often we teach the Catechism].

Hence, choose whatever form you please, and adhere to it forever. But when you preach in the presence of learned and intelligent men, you may exhibit your skill, and may present these parts in as varied and intricate ways and give them as masterly turns as you are able. But with the young people stick to one fixed, permanent form and manner, and teach them, first of all, these parts, namely, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., according to the text, word for word, so that they, too, can repeat it in the same manner after you and commit it to memory.

But those who are unwilling to learn it should be told that they deny Christ and are no Christians, neither should they be admitted to the Sacrament, accepted as sponsors at baptism, nor exercise any part of Christian liberty, but should simply be turned back to the Pope and his officials, yea, to the devil himself. Moreover, their parents and employers should refuse them food and drink, and [they would also do well if they were to] notify them that the prince will drive such rude people from the country, etc.

For although we cannot and should not force any one to believe, yet we should insist and urge the people that they know what is right and wrong with those among whom they dwell and wish to make their living. For whoever desires to reside in a town must know and observe the town laws, the protection of which he wishes to enjoy, no matter whether he is a believer or at heart and in private a rogue or knave.

In the second place, after they have well learned the text, then teach them the sense also, so that they know what it means, and again choose the form of these tables, or some other brief uniform method, whichever you like, and adhere to it, and do not change a single syllable, as was just said regarding the text; and take your time to it. For it is not necessary that you take up all the parts at once, but one after the other. After they understand the First Commandment well,

then take up the Second, and so on, otherwise they will be overwhelmed, so as not to be able to retain any well.

In the third place, after you have thus taught them this Short Catechism, then take up the Large Catechism, and give them also a richer and fuller knowledge. Here explain at large every commandment, [article,] petition, and part with its various works, uses, benefits, dangers, and injuries, as you find these abundantly stated in many books written about these matters. And particularly, urge that commandment or part most which suffers the greatest neglect among your people. For instance, the Seventh Commandment, concerning stealing, must be strenuously urged among mechanics and merchants, and even farmers and servants, for among these people many kinds of dishonesty and thieving prevail. So, too, you must urge well the Fourth Commandment among the children and the common people, that they may be quiet and faithful, obedient and peaceable, and you must always adduce many examples from the Scriptures to show how God has punished or blessed such persons.

Especially should you here urge magistrates and parents to rule well and to send their children to school, showing them why it is their duty to do this, and what a damnable sin they are committing if they do not do it. For by such neglect they overthrow and destroy both the kingdom of God and that of the world, acting as the worst enemies both of God and of men. And make it very plain to them what an awful harm they are doing if they will not help to train children to be pastors, preachers, clerks [also for other offices, with which we cannot dispense in this life], etc., and that God will punish them terribly for it. For such preaching is needed. [Verily, I do not know of any other topic that deserves to be treated as much as this.] Parents and magistrates are now sinning unspeakably in this respect. The devil, too, aims at something cruel because of these things [that he may hurl Germany into the greatest distress].

Lastly, since the tyranny of the Pope has been abolished, people are no longer willing to go to the Sacrament and despise it [as something useless and unnecessary]. Here again urging is necessary, however, with this understanding: We are to force no one to believe, or to receive the Sacrament, nor fix any law, nor time, nor place for it, but are to preach in such a manner that of their own accord, without our law, they will urge themselves and, as it were, compel us pastors to administer the Sacrament. This is done by telling them: Whoever does not seek or desire the Sacrament at least some four times a year, it is to be feared that he despises the Sacrament and is no Christian, just as he is no Christian who does not believe or hear the Gospel; for Christ did not say, This omit, or, This despise, but, This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, etc. Verily, He wants it done, and not entirely neglected and despised. This do ye, He says.

Now, whoever does not highly value the Sacrament thereby shows that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell; that is, he does not believe any such things, although he is in them over head and ears and is doubly the devil's own. On the other hand, he needs no grace, life, Paradise, heaven, Christ, God, nor anything good. For if he believed that he had so much

that is evil, and needed so much that is good, he would not thus neglect the Sacrament, by which such evil is remedied and so much good is bestowed. Neither will it be necessary to force him to the Sacrament by any law, but he will come running and racing of his own accord, will force himself and urge you that you must give him the Sacrament.

Hence, you must not make any law in this matter, as the Pope does. Only set forth clearly the benefit and harm, the need and use, the danger and the blessing, connected with this Sacrament, and the people will come of themselves without your compulsion. But if they do not come, let them go and tell them that such belong to the devil as do not regard nor feel their great need and the gracious help of God. But if you do not urge this, or make a law or a bane of it, it is your fault if they despise the Sacrament. How could they be otherwise than slothful if you sleep and are silent? Therefore look to it, ye pastors and preachers. Our office is now become a different thing from what it was under the Pope; it is now become serious and salutary. Accordingly, it now involves much more trouble and labor, danger and trials, and, in addition thereto, little reward and gratitude in the world. But Christ Himself will be our reward if we labor faithfully. To this end may the Father of all grace help us, to whom be praise and thanks forever through Christ, our Lord! Amen.

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.

The First Commandment

Thou shalt have no other gods.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

Thou shalt sanctify the holy-day.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother [that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long upon the earth].

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not despise nor anger our parents and masters, but give them honor, serve, obey, and hold them in love and esteem.

The Fifth Commandment

Thou shalt not kill.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need [in every need and danger of life and body].

The Sixth Commandment

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in words and deeds, and each love and honor his spouse.

The Seventh Commandment

Thou shalt not steal.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get them by false ware or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business [that his means are preserved and his condition is improved].

The Eighth Commandment

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend him, [think and] speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

The Ninth Commandment

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not craftily seek to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, and obtain it by a show of [justice and] right, etc., but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

Q What does this mean?

A We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away our neighbor's wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and [diligently] do their duty.

Q What Does God Say of All These Commandments?

A He says thus (Exod. 20:5f): I the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

Q What does this mean?

A God threatens to punish all that transgress these commandments. Therefore we should dread His wrath and not act contrary to these

commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these commandments. Therefore we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly do [zealously and diligently order our whole life] according to His commandments.

II. THE CREED

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

The First Article

Of Creation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Q What does this mean?

A I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them; in addition thereto, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life, protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I owe it to Him to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article

Of Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q What does this mean?

A I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won [delivered] me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be [wholly] His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article

Of Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Ghost; one holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Q What does this mean?

A I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He forgives daily and richly all sins to me and all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me and to all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

Q What does this mean?

A God would thereby [with this little introduction] tenderly urge us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

Q What does this mean?

A God's name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.

Q How is this done?

A When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God also lead holy lives in accordance with it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives otherwise than God's Word teaches profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, Heavenly Father.

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

Q What does this mean?

A The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.

Q How is this done?

A When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and yonder in eternity.

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Q What does this mean?

A The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

Q How is this done?

A When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will which would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith unto our end. This is His gracious and good will.

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

Q What does this mean?

A God gives daily bread, even without our prayer, to all wicked men; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Q What is meant by daily bread?

A Everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, homestead, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful magistrates, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Q What does this mean?

A We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor deny such petitions on account of them; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them; but that He would grant them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much, and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. So will we verily, on our part, also heartily forgive and also readily do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

Q What does this mean?

A God, indeed, tempts no one; but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, nor seduce us into misbelief, despair, and other great shame and vice; and though we be assailed by them, that still we may finally overcome and gain the victory.

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

Q What does this mean?

A We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all manner of evil, of body and soul, property and honor, and at last, when our last hour shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of tears to Himself into heaven.

Amen.

Q What does this mean?

A That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and heard; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised that He will hear us. Amen, Amen; that is, Yea, yea, it shall be so.

IV. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

First

Q What is Baptism?

A Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's Word.

Q Which is that word of God?

A Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: Go ye into all the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Secondly

Q What does Baptism give or profit?

A It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Q Which are such words and promises of God?

A Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Mark: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Thirdly

Q How can water do such great things?

A It is not the water indeed that does them, but the word of God which is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts such word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is simple water and no baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul says, Titus, chapter three: By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying.

Fourthly

Q What does such baptizing with water signify?

A It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts, and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise; who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Q Where is this written?

A St. Paul says Romans, chapter 6: We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that, like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

V. CONFESSION

How Christians should be taught to confess.

Q What is Confession?

A Confession embraces two parts: the one is, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe, that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

Q What sins should we confess?

A Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not know, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess those sins alone which we know and feel in our hearts.

Q Which are these?

A Here consider your station according to the Ten Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, a man-servant or maid-servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful;

whether you have grieved any one by words or deeds; whether you have stolen, neglected, or wasted aught, or done other injury.

Pray, Propose to Me a Brief Form of Confession.

You should speak to the confessor thus: Reverend and dear sir, I beseech you to hear my confession, and to pronounce forgiveness to me for God's sake.

Proceed!

I, a poor sinner, confess myself before God guilty of all sins; especially I confess before you that I am a man-servant, a maidservant, etc. But, alas, I serve my master unfaithfully; for in this and in that I have not done what they commanded me; I have provoked them, and caused them to curse, have been negligent [in many things] and permitted damage to be done; have also been immodest in words and deeds, have quarreled with my equals, have grumbled and sworn at my mistress, etc. For all this I am sorry, and pray for grace; I want to do better.

A master or mistress may say thus:

In particular I confess before you that I have not faithfully trained my children, domestics, and wife [family] for God's glory. I have cursed, set a bad example by rude words and deeds, have done my neighbor harm and spoken evil of him, have overcharged and given false ware and short measure. And whatever else he has done against God's command and his station, etc.

But if any one does not find himself burdened with such or greater sins, he should not trouble himself or search for or invent other sins, and thereby make confession a torture, but mention one or two that he knows. Thus: In particular I confess that I once cursed; again, I once used improper words, I have once neglected this or that, etc. Let this suffice.

But if you know of none at all (which, however is scarcely possible), then mention none in particular, but receive the forgiveness upon your general confession which you make before God to the confessor.

Then shall the confessor say: God be merciful to thee and strengthen thy faith! Amen. Furthermore: Dost thou believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

A Yes, dear sir.

Then let him say: As thou believest, so be it done unto thee. And by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive thee thy sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Depart in peace.

But those who have great burdens upon their consciences, or are distressed and tempted, the confessor will know how to comfort and to encourage to faith with more passages of Scripture. This is to be merely a general form of confession for the unlearned.

VI. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

Q What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

Q Where is this written?

A The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, write thus: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink ye all of it. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Q What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A That is shown us in these words: Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins; namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Q How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

A It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does them, but the words which stand here, namely: Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins. Which words are, beside the bodily eating and drinking, as the chief thing in the Sacrament; and he that believes these words has what they say and express, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Q Who, then, receives such Sacrament worthily?

A Fasting and bodily preparation is, indeed, a fine outward training; but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins. But he that does not believe these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unfit; for the words For you require altogether believing hearts.

DAILY PRAYERS

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening:

Morning Prayer

In the morning, when you rise, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say:

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may, in addition, say this little prayer:

I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee to keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the Wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Then go to your work with joy, singing a hymn, as the Ten Commandments, or what your devotion may suggest.

Evening Prayer

In the evening, when you go to bed, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say:

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may, in addition, say this little prayer:

I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously kept me this day, and I pray Thee to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the Wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Then go to sleep promptly and cheerfully.

How the head of the family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks.

Asking a Blessing

The children and servants shall go to the table with folded hands and reverently, and say:

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Note: To satisfy the desire means that all animals receive so much to eat that they are on this account joyful and of good cheer; for care and avarice hinder such satisfaction.

Then the Lord's Prayer, and the prayer here following:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts, which we take from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks

Likewise also after the meal they shall reverently and with folded hands say:

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. He giveth food to all flesh; He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse; He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

Then the Lord's Prayer and the prayer here following:

We thank Thee, Lord God, Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all Thy benefits, who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

TABLE OF DUTIES

Certain passages of scripture for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities

For Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice; holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. 1 Timothy 3:2ff ; Titus 1:6.

What the Hearers Owe to Their Pastors

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14. Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Gal. 6:6. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. 1 Tim. 5:17-18. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you. Heb. 13:17.]

Concerning Civil Government

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For the power which exists anywhere is ordained of God. Whosoever resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

For he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Rom. 13:1-4.

What Subjects Owe to the Magistrates

Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's. Matt. 22:21. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, etc. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honor, to whom honor. Rom. 13:1,5ff. I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1 Tim. 2:1f Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, etc. Titus 3:1. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king as supreme, or unto governors as unto them that are sent by him, etc. 1 Pet. 2:13f]

For Husbands

Ye husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered. 1 Pet. 3:7. And be not bitter against them. Col. 3:9.

For Wives

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord, even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 Pet. 3:6; Eph. 5:22.

For Parents

Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4.

For Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6:1-3.

For Male and Female Servants, Hired Men, and Laborers

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Eph. 6:5ff ; Col. 3:22.

For Masters and Mistresses

Ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening, knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him. Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1.

For Young Persons in General

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time. 1 Pet. 5:5-6.

For Widows

She that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. 1 Tim. 5:5-6.

For All in Common

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Herein are comprehended all the commandments. Rom. 13:8ff And persevere in prayer for all men. 1 Tim. 2:1-2.

Let each his lesson learn with care, And all the household well shall fare.

Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. **Q** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
A Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. **Q** How do you know this?
A From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. **Q** Are you sorry for your sins?
A Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. **Q** What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
A His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21,23.
5. **Q** Do you hope to be saved?
A Yes, that is my hope.
6. **Q** In whom then do you trust?
A In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
7. **Q** Who is Christ?
A The Son of God, true God and man.
8. **Q** How many Gods are there?
A Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
9. **Q** What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
A He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
10. **Q** Did the Father also die for you?
A He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed his blood for me.
11. **Q** How do you know this?
A From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. **Q** What are the Words of Institution?
- A** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
13. **Q** Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
- A** Yes, I believe it.
14. **Q** What convinces you to believe this?
- A** The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.
15. **Q** What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
- A** We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
16. **Q** Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
- A** First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.
17. **Q** What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
- A** His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5.
18. **Q** Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
- A** That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.
19. **Q** What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
- A** First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. **Q** But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

A To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

Note: These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."

