

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

(Matthew 28:19)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**  
to announce Your love in the morning,  
**Your truth at the close of the day.**

(Psalm 92:1)

Return to the Lord, you God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

(Joel 2:13)

Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

(Matthew 16:24)

Christ was wounded for our transgressions,  
**He was bruised for our iniquities.**

(Isaiah 53:5)

## The Word

*A Psalm may be read: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, or 143*

*Consider reading some or all of the readings for a particular day:*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13
2	Jeremiah 26:8-15	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
3	Ezekiel 33:7-20	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
4	Isaiah 12:1-6	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:11-32
5	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3: 4-14	Luke 20:9-20

*Reflect on and discuss the reading(s):*

- *Where do we see a need for grace, love, hope, or forgiveness in this text?*
- *Where do we see God's promises pointing to or fulfilled by Jesus?*
- *In light of this reading, what is God calling us to believe?*
- *In light of this reading, what's a simple next step in my faith journey?*

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Consider praying silently for a time, aloud, or by following any of the printed prayers below.*

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation, our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For these and all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

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

### *Blessing*

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

### *Selected Hymn Verses: to be inserted throughout*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r:  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
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The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood he bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Yet she on earth has union  
With God the Three in One.  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord,, save us by your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.