



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 58

September 29, 2021

✠ RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2 ✠

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Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

L O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

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

Sit

MEDITATION PSALM

Psalm 58; antiphon: v. 11

The pastor and congregation speak responsively. The antiphon is spoken by the pastor before and after the psalm.

(Antiphon) Mankind will say, “Surely there is a reward for the | righteous,*
surely there is a God who judges | on earth.”

¹ Do you indeed decree what is | right, you gods?*
Do you judge the children of man up- | rightly?

² **No, in your hearts you de- | vise wrongs;*
your hands deal out violence | on earth.**

³ The wicked are estranged | from the womb;*
they go astray from birth, | speaking lies.

⁴ **They have venom like the venom of a | serpent,*
like the deaf adder that | stops its ear,**

⁵ so that it does not hear the voice of | charmers*
or of the cunning en- | chanter.

⁶ **O God, break the teeth | in their mouths;*
tear out the fangs of the young lions, | O LORD!**

⁷ Let them vanish like water that | runs away;*
when he aims his arrows, let them be | blunted.

⁸ **Let them be like the snail that dissolves | into slime,*
like the stillborn child who never | sees the sun.**

⁹ Sooner than your pots can feel the | heat of thorns,*
whether green or ablaze, may He sweep | them away!

¹⁰ **The righteous will rejoice when he sees the | vengeance;*
he will bathe his feet in the blood of the | wicked.**

¹¹ Mankind will say, “Surely there is a reward for the | righteous,*
surely there is a God who judges | on earth.”

**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.**

The antiphon is repeated.

READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 32:39–43

- ³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am He,
and there is no God beside Me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of My hand.
⁴⁰ For I lift up My hand to heaven
and swear, As I live forever,
⁴¹ if I sharpen My flashing sword
and My hand takes hold on judgment,
I will take vengeance on My adversaries
and will repay those who hate Me.
⁴² I will make My arrows drunk with blood,
and My sword shall devour flesh—
with the blood of the slain and the captives,
from the long-haired heads of the enemy.’
⁴³ “Rejoice with Him, O heavens;
bow down to Him, all gods,
for He avenges the blood of His children
and takes vengeance on His adversaries.
He repays those who hate Him
and cleanses His people’s land.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:26–39

- ²⁶For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine; I will repay.” And again, “The LORD will judge His people.” ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ³²But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷For,
“Yet a little while,
and the coming One will come and will not delay;
³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back,
My soul has no pleasure in him.”
³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,
 Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;
 Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,
 Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

Kneel or Stand

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

- P** O Lord,
C have mercy.
P O Christ,
C have mercy.
P O Lord,
C have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

APOSTLE’S CREED

- C** 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 Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

VERSICLES

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
P Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalms 102:1

Psalms 86:7

Psalms 51:9–12

P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**

P For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**

Psalm 63:3, 7

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**

Psalm 86:11–12

P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**

Psalm 70:4

P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Psalm 28:9

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Psalm 86:6

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, when You were lifted up on the cross, the entire world experienced birth pains as the cosmos was rocked as Your death gave birth to a new creation. Focus our eyes on Your holy cross that we may see it as a tree of life preparing us for Your final coming in judgment as the Son of Man; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Stand

BENEDICAMUS and BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)