



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 49

July 21, 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 49; antiphon: v. 15

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

(Antiphon) But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for He will re- | ceive me.

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,*

the meditation of my heart shall be under- | standing.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a | proverb;***

I will solve my riddle to the music | of the lyre.

⁵ Why should I fear in times of | trouble,*

when the iniquity of those who cheat me sur- | rounds me,

⁶ **those who trust | in their wealth***

and boast of the abundance of their | riches?

⁷ Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*

or give to God the price | of his life,

⁸ **for the ransom of their life is | costly***

and can nev- | er suffice,

⁹ that he should live on for- | ever*

and never | see the Pit.

¹⁰ **For he sees that even the | wise die;***

the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to | others.

¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all gener- | ations,*

though they called lands by their | own names.

¹² **Man in his pomp will | not remain;***

he is like the beasts that | perish.

¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*

yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Selah

**14 Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their | shepherd,*
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.**

Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no | place to dwell.

**15 But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for He will re- | ceive me.**

Selah

**16 Be not afraid when a man be- | comes rich,*
when the glory of his house in- | creases.**

**17 For when he dies he will carry noth- | ing away,*
his glory will not go down | after him.**

**18 For though, while he lives, he counts himself | blessed—*
and though you get praise when you do well | for yourself—**

**19 his soul will go to the generation of his | fathers,*
who will never again | see light.**

**20 Man in his pomp yet without under- | standing*
is like the beasts that | perish.**

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 10:12–16

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 6:6–12

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:15–23, 31–32

¹⁵And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

²²And He said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. . . . ³¹Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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C Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

Kneel or Stand

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

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| 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

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| P Hear my prayer, O Lord; | |
| C let my cry come to You. | <i>Psalm 102:1</i> |
| P In the day of my trouble I call upon You, | |
| C for You answer me. | <i>Psalm 86:7</i> |
| 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. | <i>Psalm 51:9–12</i> |

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.
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and 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.
C **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 103:1]

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)