



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 52

August 18, 2021

✠ RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2 ✠

LSB 285

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 52; antiphon: v. 8b

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

(Antiphon) I trust in the steadfast | love of God*
forever and | ever.

¹ Why do you boast of evil, O | mighty man?*
The steadfast love of God endures | all the day.

² Your tongue plots de- | struction,*
like a sharp razor, you worker | of deceit.

³ You love evil | more than good,*
and lying more than speaking | what is right.

Selah

⁴ You love all words | that devour,*
O de- | ceitful tongue.

⁵ But God will break you down for- | ever,*
He will snatch and tear you from your tent; He will uproot you from the land of the | living.

Selah

⁶ The righteous shall | see and fear,*
and shall laugh at him, | saying,

⁷ “See the man who would not make God his | refuge,*
but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own de- | struction!”

⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the | house of God.*
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and | ever.

⁹ I will thank You forever, because You have | done it.*
I will wait for Your name, for it is good, in the presence of the | godly.

**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

1 Samuel 22:6–19

⁶Now Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men who were with him. Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. ⁷And Saul said to his servants who stood about him, “Hear now, people of Benjamin; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, ⁸that all of you have conspired against me? No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day.”

⁹Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, “I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, ¹⁰and he inquired of the LORD for him and gave him provisions and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.”

¹¹Then the king sent to summon Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father’s house, the priests who were at Nob, and all of them came to the king. ¹²And Saul said, “Hear now, son of Ahitub.”

And he answered, “Here I am, my lord.”

¹³And Saul said to him, “Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him, so that he has risen against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?”

¹⁴Then Ahimelech answered the king, “And who among all your servants is so faithful as David, who is the king’s son-in-law, and captain over your bodyguard, and honored in your house? ¹⁵Is today the first time that I have inquired of God for him? No! Let not the king impute anything to his servant or to all the house of my father, for your servant has known nothing of all this, much or little.”

¹⁶And the king said, “You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father’s house.” ¹⁷And the king said to the guard who stood about him, “Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with David, and they knew that he fled and did not disclose it to me.” But the servants of the king would not put out their hand to strike the priests of the Lord. ¹⁸Then the king said to Doeg, “You turn and strike the priests.” And Doeg the Edomite turned and struck down the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore the linen ephod. ¹⁹And Nob, the city of the priests, he put to the sword; both man and woman, child and infant, ox, donkey and sheep, he put to the sword.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 7:18–25a

¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1–6

[Jesus said,] ¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSICLES

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.** *Psalm 102:1*
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C **for You answer me.** *Psalm 86:7*
- 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.** *Psalm 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.
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, 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. *[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)