

**MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 46****June 23, 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 46; antiphon: v. 11*

(Antiphon) The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

³ though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

Selah

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
He utters His voice, the | earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Selah

⁸ Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots | with fire.

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 | fortress.

Selah

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

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
 that the mountain of the house of the Lord
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be lifted up above the hills;
 and all the nations shall flow to it,
³ and many peoples shall come, and say:
 “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that He may teach us His ways
 and that we may walk in His paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
 and 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.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:1–5

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. ⁴They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37–39a

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - effect ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir it.

The old vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e qual.
the field for - ev er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main eth.

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MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

PRAYER

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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. *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, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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. *[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)