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MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 54

September 1, 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 54; antiphon: v. 4

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

(Antiphon) Behold, God is my | helper;^{*}
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

¹ O God, save me, | by Your name,*
and vindicate me | by Your might.

² **O God, | hear my prayer;***
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³ For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselvse.

⁴ **Behold, God is my | helper;***
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

⁵ He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in Your faithfulness put an | end to them.

⁶ **With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice for You;***
I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

³ For He has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

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 41:8–13

⁸But you, Israel, My servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, My friend;
⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, “You are My servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
¹⁰fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

¹¹Behold, all who are incensed against you
shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.

¹²You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.

¹³For I, the LORD your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, “Fear not,
I am the one who helps you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:1–3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20–26

[Jesus said:] ²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²²The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

²⁴“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. ²⁶I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN: Abide with Me

LSB 878 sts. 1–2, 5–6

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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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, 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)